



Members of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) Committee on Accreditation met November 1 and 2, 2011 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Committee reviewed 14 universities and colleges with SAF accredited or candidate 4-year forestry programs¹.

The Committee on Accreditation reaccredited the forestry programs under the Professional Forestry accreditation standards at 4 universities and granted initial Specialized Urban Forestry accreditation to the urban forestry program at one university. Initial candidacy under the standards for Specialized Accreditation in Urban Forestry was granted to one university. The Committee reviewed Substantive Change and Progress Reports from 8 universities and colleges. One program was granted a 1-year postponement of the onsite visit.

The SAF Committee on Accreditation's 2011 actions are summarized below.

PROFESSIONAL FORESTRY ACCREDITATION

CANDIDATE STATUS²

New Mexico Highlands University

Continued Candidate status of the Forestry curriculum, Forest Management and Wildland Fire Management concentrations, leading to the BS degree through 2013.

REACCREDITATION

Oregon State University

Accreditation of the Forest Engineering, Forest Engineering/Civil Engineering (dual-degree), Forest Management, and Forest Operations Management curricula leading to the Bachelor of Science degree through 2021.

University of Arkansas - Monticello

Accreditation of the Forestry Option within the Forest Resources curriculum leading to the Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources degree through 2021.

Stephen F. Austin State University

Accreditation of the Forest Management, Forest Wildlife Management, Forest Recreation and Forestry (a tailored option) curricula leading to the Bachelor of Science in Forestry (BSF) through 2021.

University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point

Accreditation of the Forest Management, Forest Administration and Utilization, Forest Ecosystem Restoration and Management, Forest Recreation and Urban Forestry curricula leading to the BS in Forestry degree through 2021.

POSTPONEMENT

Clemson University

Granted a one-year postponement due to substantial reorganization.



PROGRESS REPORT

Paul Smith's College

Continued accreditation for the Forest Recreation Resource Management curriculum leading to the BS in Forestry through June 2012.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE REPORT

Alabama A&M University

Continued accreditation for the Forest Management and Forest Science curricula leading to the BSF degree through 2018.

California Polytechnic State University

Continued accreditation for the Forestry & Natural Resources curriculum with concentrations in Environmental Management, Forest Resources Management, Natural Resources Recreation, Urban Forestry, Watershed Management and Hydrology, and Wildland and Fuels Management leading to the BS in Forestry and Natural Resources degree through 2014.

Louisiana Tech University

Continued accreditation of the Forest Management and Wildlife Habitat Management concentrations leading to the BSF degree through 2020.

Northern Arizona University

Continued accreditation of the Forestry program leading to the BSF degree through 2013.

Oklahoma State University

Continued accreditation of the Forest Ecology & Management option, Major in Natural Resource Ecology and Management leading to the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences degree through 2017.

Paul Smith's College

Continued accreditation of the Ecological Forest Management, Forest Operations, and Forest Biology curricula leading to the BS degree in Forestry through 2015.

Southern Illinois University

Continued accreditation of the Forest Resources Management, Forest Recreation and Park Management, Urban Forest Management, and Forest Hydrology programs, leading to the BS in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences degree through 2020.

University of Florida

Continued accreditation for the curricula with specializations in Forest Resources Management and in Urban Forestry leading to the Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources and Conservation through 2014.



URBAN FORESTRY ACCREDITATION

Candidate Status

University of Maryland

Granted Candidate status under the standards for Specialized Accreditation in Urban Forestry to the Urban Forest Ecosystem curriculum leading to the BS in Plant Science degree through 2017.

Accreditation

University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point

Granted initial Specialized Urban Forestry accreditation for the Urban Forestry curriculum leading to the BS in Forestry degree through 2012.

¹The SAF accreditation process is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, which maintains a directory of SAF-accredited programs on its website www.chea.org/. The Society of American Foresters has filed a letter of intent with the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to seek a change of recognized scope of accreditation to include associate degree programs in forest technology. Until final action by the CHEA Board of Directors, the Society of American Foresters is recognized only for its current scope of accreditation approved May 2001. The current CHEA recognized scope of accreditation for SAF is: Curricula leading to the first professional degree in forestry at the bachelor's or master's level.

Continuation of accreditation is contingent upon compliance with the SAF Accreditation Handbook. All programs with reports in progress retain accreditation of their curricula.

²Candidate status indicates that a program has achieved initial recognition and is progressing toward accreditation. Candidacy does not ensure eventual accreditation. The program must to demonstrate compliance with SAF Accreditation Standards within five years. Continuation of candidacy status is contingent upon the completion of an annual progress report.