

Natural Resources, MNR

Department: Environment and Society Department; Watershed Sciences Department; Wildland Resources Department
College: S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources; S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources; S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources

Overview

About This Degree

The master of natural resources is an interdisciplinary degree designed for working natural resource professionals. Students take courses from all departments within the College of Natural Resources. There are seven core areas in which students are required to take coursework: ecology, human dimensions, economics, policy, spatial technology, administration, and quantitative methods. The program was designed to give natural resource professionals the skills required to work as decision makers and managers in the natural resources. Their previous knowledge in a specific natural resources field is broadened by study in these other areas to help them understand the bigger picture of natural resources issues.

Distance Education

The Master of Natural Resources degree (MNR) is available using online courses through USU-Online, on-campus courses, or short-courses approved for the program.

Career Options

Graduates gain a broad education in how to solve natural resource problems from multiple perspectives that prepares them for management and decision-making careers in natural resources fields.

What it takes

Admissions Requirements

Students must have an undergraduate degree in a natural resource field, or adequate work experience in the natural resources if their degree is in another area. It is preferred that all applicants, regardless of undergraduate major, have at least three years of work experience in natural resources.

Application Requirements:

- Complete the [online application](#)
- Pay the \$55 application fee
- Score at or above the 40th percentile on in the GRE or MAT
- Have a 3.0 or higher GPA on your last 60 semester or 90 quarter credits
- Provide transcripts of all college/university credits
- Provide three contacts for letters of recommendation

International students have [additional admissions requirements](#).

Admissions Deadlines

The department has the following deadlines:

- Fall semester – July 15
- Spring semester – November 15
- Summer semester – March 15

Master's Degree Plan Options

Students can receive the MNR by pursuing the following option:

- The **Plan C** option does not involve a thesis or a defense meeting and is comprised of coursework and a three- to six-credit capstone project addressing a natural resource problem from the “big-picture” prospective.

Program Requirements

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Master of Natural Resources**.

Contact

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Get Involved

Professional Organizations, Honor Societies, and Clubs

Under the broad discipline of natural resources, there are many professional organizations specific to different areas of research. Students are encouraged to become members of organizations that are relevant to their area of study.