

Natural Resources

The natural resources program is an interdepartmental program designed to prepare students for positions in both private and public natural resource organizations. A selection of technical options couple core courses in natural resources issues and management with a series of related courses in a variety of related technical disciplines. The purpose of the natural resources core curriculum is to educate professionals at a Master's level who are well-versed in policy and regulation and who have skills in quantitative assessments. Currently approved technical options include: assessment and analysis, ecological restoration, economics and management, policy and administration, international resources, hydrology, and geographic information systems in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources; outdoor recreation management in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management; and landscape architecture in the Department of Landscape Architecture.

Each option is available as either the M.S. in NR or as the non-thesis Master of NR.

Admissions Requirements

Students should have an undergraduate degree in natural resources or a related field. Experience in natural resources management and administration will be considered in lieu of an appropriate undergraduate degree. Admission is contingent upon meeting departmental requirements and acceptance by an advisor.

Master's Requirements

The M.S. degree requires a research thesis based on completion of a research project. The Master of NR degree requires a practical project which develops and demonstrates problem-solving skills. Students enrolled in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources must take FOR 603 in the first or second semester. The minimum number of credit hours varies by technical option, but is generally 36 credit hours including research or project credits and core courses.

Degrees

- Natural Resources (MR) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/natural-resources/natural-resources/natural-resources-mr/>)
- Natural Resources (MS) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/natural-resources/natural-resources/natural-resources-ms/>)

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