Forestry and Environmental Resources

The department offers training in all of the major sub-disciplines of forest, natural resources, and environmental-related science and management. Considerable flexibility is allowed in developing graduate programs tailored to the student's objectives.

Admission Requirements

All parts of the application are considered in making decisions. Admission is competitive and depends on the willingness of at least one member of the faculty to serve as major professor. An undergraduate degree in forestry is not required. The GRE is no longer required for admission.

Master's Degree Requirements

The Master of Forestry is now accredited by the Society of American Foresters. It requires 40 credits, with a 1 credit project. The Master of Science course work requirements range from 30 to 36 credits. Students without an appropriate background will require additional preparatory work. For the M.S. degree, a minor is required.

Doctoral Degree Requirements

As a rule, students must complete a master's degree before entering the Ph.D. program. However, exceptionally well-prepared students may petition to have their degree objective changed to Ph.D. before completing the master's degree. In addition to the dissertation, Ph.D. programs require 36 to 54 credits of course work beyond the master's degree. A minor is required.

Student Financial Support

Stipend levels allow students to graduate without incurring significant debt. Those who begin without an assistantship are considered for funding as projects become available. Additional funding is available through a limited number of teaching assistantships.

Other Relevant Information

MS and PhD graduate students must meet the following requirements:

1. take a one-credit research methodology course, FOR 603 or FOR 803, early in his/her program;
2. take a seminar course (typically FOR 601/FOR 801), and
3. begin the final oral exam with a seminar to the department based on work accomplished during the graduate program.

Degrees

- Forestry (MR) (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/natural-resources/forestry/forestry_mr/)
- Forestry (MS) (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/natural-resources/forestry/forestry_ms/)
- Forestry and Environmental Resources (PhD) (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/natural-resources/forestry/environmental-resources_phd/)

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