Natural Resource Sciences

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- Application Deadline:

International applications are due May 1 for fall semester and August 1 for spring and summer semesters. Domestic applicants should apply at least one month prior to the start of classes.

- Credential Offered: Ph.D., M.S., M.N.R.M.
- English Proficiency Requirements: TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 6; Duolingo 105

The Natural Resource Sciences (NRS) program prepares students for the environmental challenges of the 21st century. The Master of Natural Resources Management (M.N.R.M.), Master of Science (M.S.) and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees are interdisciplinary and offer a broad, systems- based approach toward managing natural resources. NRS graduates are prepared to compete for and be productive in jobs where issues reach beyond a single discipline or subject area. They have the skills necessary to address problems from a sustainable social-ecological perspective. Flexible interdisciplinary wide-reaching

The M.S. and Ph.D. programs offer four areas of emphasis:

- Entomology
- Soil Science
- Natural Resource Management
- Rangeland Ecology and Wildlife Management

The M.N.R.M program is coursework only and can be done in-person or online. Through the NRS graduate program, students gain a breadth of knowledge in relevant planning, analysis, and management in a wide variety of natural resource fields from pollinators to pest management, cropping systems to soil health, wetlands to wildlife, and restoration to grazing management.

The NRS graduate program is to provide formal education in a chosen specialty area, introductions to other subject areas, appropriate course work in analytical methods, and research and writing experiences in the general area of natural resource management. Problem recognition, definition, analysis and resolution, along with critical thinking are the ultimate learning objectives.

Admissions Requirements

The graduate program in Natural Resources Sciences is open to qualified graduates of universities and colleges of recognized standing and meet the Graduate College requirements.

Financial Assistance

Both research and teaching assistantships may be available through the participating academic units. Application for an assistantship must be made directly to a department. Applicants are considered based on scholarship and potential to undertake advanced study and research. Limited scholarships are available.