Overview
Add your name to our legacy of graduates who have become effective managers for some of the nation’s largest and most prominent natural resource management organizations, including the USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and other state and federal agencies.

Our Master of Natural Resource Stewardship was designed for professionals who are seeking the necessary skills and knowledge to advance in the field of natural resources. The program provides a broad natural resources education with an opportunity to specialize in Ecological Restoration or Rangeland Ecosystems.

You will finish this program as a well-rounded leader, equipped with an understanding of the interconnectedness of natural resource management systems and how that lends itself to solving real-world problems from a holistic viewpoint. The curriculum is immediately applicable to current issues within the industry, with natural resource management courses that cover topics such as:

- Natural environmental processes and how they interact with human systems
- Degraded landscape restoration principles
- Natural resource management systems and how various subsystems affect one another
- A thorough understanding of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and how to ensure compliance

Curriculum

Ecological Restoration
Ecological restoration uses human intervention to direct and/or accelerate secondary succession following a disturbance. Students in the program learn how to influence the type of vegetation that re-establishes itself and the speed with which recovery occurs.

Rangeland Ecosystems
The rangeland ecosystems area of specialization focuses on rangeland ecology and management, linking bio-physical and human systems to ensure sustainable practices.

Concepts covered pertain to both domestic and indigenous grazing animals, include a variety of grassland and shrubland types, and emphasize adaptive management techniques.

Contact
(970) 492-4898
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Delivered Online

Credits
30 credits

Tuition
$665 per credit
- Includes Student Services
- Fees assessed separately
- Financial aid is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time Frame
May vary based on intensity of study and previous coursework

Completion Requirements
Completion of 30 credits, including:

- 14 credits of required core coursework
- 9–10 credits in the focus area
- 6–7 credits of electives

More Info
online.colostate.edu/degrees/natural-resource-stewardship
How to Apply
Master of Natural Resource Stewardship (M.N.R.S.)

Application Deadline
Fall semester: July 15  Spring semester: November 15

1 Review Admission Requirements
The Master of Natural Resource Stewardship requires that students have the following:

☐ Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution

☐ A 3.0 GPA on all undergraduate coursework
  - Exceptions to this are made on a case-by-case basis
  - No specific prior coursework is required. Coursework in biology, chemistry, and statistics is recommended
  - Applications are reviewed holistically

☐ Some natural resource experience is required. All types of experiences (volunteer, paid, etc.) over any length of time are considered

2 Prepare Application Materials
Prepare the materials below and upload when you apply online.

☐ Three letters of recommendation
  Three professional recommendations are required. You will provide information about your recommenders in the online application. CSU will contact them with instructions and a link to a secure form they will submit on your behalf. Request letters from at least two of the following:
  - Previous or current college/university instructors
  - Previous or current immediate professional supervisors
  - Observers other than supervisors who can verify the professional or intellectual expertise of the applicant.
  Letters from friends, relatives or character witnesses are considered only supplemental to the three required reference letters

☐ Resume
  Outline the professional employment, collegiate work, and any publications, exhibitions, service activities, prizes, awards and other recognitions.

☐ Statement of purpose
  This focused statement should include your educational and long term professional goals, as well as address how the MNRS program will contribute to both.

3 Complete Online Application
Complete the online graduate application and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. You do not need to wait for recommendations or transcripts to move your application forward. When applying, select the program of study you’re applying to:

  - “Natural Resources Stewardship/Rangeland Ecosystems (M.N.R.S.) – Distance”
  - “Natural Resources Stewardship/Ecological Restoration (M.N.R.S.) – Distance”
How to Apply (Continued)

4 Request Transcripts

- Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

- Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu

- Send paper copies to:
  Graduate Admissions
  Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
  1062 Campus Delivery
  Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

Check Your Application Status

View your application status at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates.

Information for International Students

Official transcript translation
Ensure official copies include a certified translation into English (only one set of transcripts is required).

Official test scores
Colorado State University requires that proficiency in English language be demonstrated either by the TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE academic tests prior to admission. Please submit one of the official scores from the list below. Scores must be taken within two years prior to admission and submitted directly from the Educational Testing Service (select institution code: 4075).

- The minimum TOEFL score for admission without condition is 550 (paper-based), or 80 (internet-based).
- The minimum IELTS score for admission without condition is 6.5.
- The minimum PTE Academic score for admission without condition is 58.

In general, all applicants from countries in which English is not the official language, and who do not have an undergraduate degree from a country in which the official language is English (Canada, U.K., Australia, USA, New Zealand, etc.), must submit one of the official test scores from the list above.

Questions? Contact a Student Success Coach for help with your application. Call (970) 492-4898.