

# Natural Resource Stewardship

Master of Natural Resource Stewardship (M.N.R.S.)



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## 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 Ecology and Management.

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 Ecology and Management

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

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

## Contact

(970) 492-4898

[online.colostate.edu/contact](https://online.colostate.edu/contact)

## Delivery

Online

## Credits

30 credits

## Tuition

\$685 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](https://online.colostate.edu/degrees/natural-resource-stewardship)

# How to Apply

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## Application Deadline

Fall semester: **July 15**

Spring semester: **November 15**

### 1 Review Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- A 3.0 GPA on all undergraduate coursework
- 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**
- **Resume**
- **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 / Ecological Restoration (M.N.R.S.) - Distance”
- “Natural Resources Stewardship / Rangeland Ecology and Management (M.N.R.S.) - Distance”

### 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](mailto: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. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and promptly notify you of their decision.

## International Students

See [website](#) for test score and transcript requirements.