Overview
Add your name to the 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

CSU's online Master of Natural Resource Stewardship was designed for professionals seeking the necessary skills and knowledge to advance in the field of natural resources. The program provides a broad education, with the opportunity to further specialize in one of three areas:

Ecological Restoration
Learn how to influence the type of vegetation that re-establishes itself and the speed with which recovery occurs.

Forest Sciences
Learn about topics such as scarcity, the aesthetic benefits of forests, biological diversity, and gain foundational skills that will prepare you to work in any forest environment.

Rangeland Ecology and Management
Learn how to classify and manage rangelands based on community type, animal habitat needs, feeding ecologies, and ecosystem potential.

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

Delivery
Online

Credits
30 credits

Tuition
$705 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

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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**
   - 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

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 / Forest Sciences (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.