

NATURAL RESOURCES AMP

All students must meet the Requirements for the Accelerated Master's Degree Programs (<http://catalogue.uvm.edu/graduate/degree/requirements/requirementsforacceleratedmastersdegreeprograms/>)

OVERVIEW

The Accelerated Master's Degree Entry Program (AMP) in Rubenstein is designed to give select UVM undergraduate students the opportunity to earn a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Natural Resources in 5 years. This option is only available for the thesis, and not the project, masters in Natural Resources.

Following admission to the Graduate College, students may earn up to 9 credits toward the M.S. degree in Natural Resources during their B.S./B.A. that also count toward their B.S./B.A. The remaining 21 credits will be fulfilled after completion of the B.A./B.S. when the M.S. degree becomes the primary curriculum.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Admission to Graduate Studies for the Degree of Master of Science

Students should apply for admission into the Accelerated Master's Degree Program (AMP) in the Rubenstein School in the beginning of the spring semester of their junior year, but can apply in their first semester of their junior year as well. Consideration for admission requires the following:

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.
- Identification of a research advisor.
- Completion of the Graduate College Application form:
 - Three letters of recommendation from UVM faculty members: one letter must be from the proposed MS advisor in the Rubenstein School, one must be from another UVM faculty member, and one from the program director.
 - Address the work to be conducted as part of your statement of purpose to the grad college

Students must be admitted through the Graduate College before taking any courses that will count toward their MS degree requirements. Students taking 200 level courses approved for graduate credit as part of the AMP must notify the faculty that they are taking this course as a graduate student before the class begins. Students are expected to start their M.S. research in the summer/semester following their undergraduate graduation. Students who graduate in January (and not May) can begin their master's research in the spring semester and are expected to continue research in the summer.

Minimum Degree Requirements

The master of science requires from fifteen to twenty-seven credits of course work in related fields (including NR 395: Applied Ecology, Environment and Society), a public research seminar presented

at the annual graduate student symposium, a research proposal, a comprehensive examination, and 6 to 15 credits of thesis research.

Comprehensive Examination

A written comprehensive examination is required for all master's students. Generally taken during a student's third or fourth semester, the examination will cover broad knowledge of the student's discipline. The details and format of the examination and its form (written or oral or both depending on the requirements of each concentration) are decided upon by the Studies Committee and will be discussed with the student well in advance of the exam.

Requirements for Advancement to Candidacy for the Degree of Master of Science

Successful completion of any required courses, and at least 15 graded graduate credits earned in compilation of the graduate GPA. A GPA of 3.00 or greater is also required.