MASTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES (MNR)

MNR 500. MARKET TOOLS FOR MANAGING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. (3 Credits)
Examines the use of market-based approaches to managing greenhouse gas emissions; the role of forestry and natural resource management in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions; and the design of carbon and offset markets in the context of broader climate change policies. CROSSTLISTED as FES 500.
Equivalent to: FES 500

MNR 511. INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES. (3 Credits)
Overview of economic, environmental, social, cultural, ethical, and policy considerations of sustainable natural resource management. International collaborative efforts to address global natural resource issues. Key policy drivers, key stressors, balancing competing interests. Introductory course required for all Master of Natural Resources students; open to other graduate students. Taught via Ecampus only.

MNR 522. RESEARCH METHODS SOCIAL SCIENCE. (4 Credits)
An introduction to research methods applied to social science issues and problems. Emphasis is on the nature of the research process, how to conduct research, and how to interpret and disseminate research results. Lec/lab.
Equivalent to: FES 522

MNR 530. TROPICAL FOREST ECOLGY AND MANAGEMENT: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE. (3 Credits)
Study of tropical forest ecology and the common ecological patterns found within tropical forests. The threats and challenges that tropical forests face in the 21st century and the issues of human use and their impacts. Developing strategies for sustainable management and restoration approaches to alleviate pressure on remaining tropical forests. Taught via Ecampus only.

MNR 538. ADAPTING FORESTS TO CLIMATE CHANGE. (3 Credits)
Climate change is expected to have profound effects on forests. Society can respond by managing in forests in ways that can help mitigate climate change or help forests adapt. Nonetheless, changes in climate and forest responses are uncertain, making management and policy decisions difficult and controversial. We will investigate the effects of climate change on forests, focusing on potential forest management and policy responses.

MNR 550. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON FOREST ECOSYSTEMS. (3 Credits)
Forest management responses to climate change will rely on understanding the mechanisms of interaction between forests and climate, as well as the capacity to evaluate impacts of future climate scenarios on forests. This course will consider effects of rising CO2 and changing climate at the level of ecophysiological processes, changes in species distribution, changes in disturbance regimes, and ecosystem-level impacts mediated by the water, carbon, and nitrogen cycles. Modeling approaches will include statistically-based bioclimatic envelopes, and dynamic global vegetation models that treat ecosystem processes and changes in biome distribution.

MNR 560. MASTER’S CASE STUDY. (1-9 Credits)
Capstone project integrating course work, readings, and assignments to address complex natural resource problems of local or regional importance. Taught via Ecampus only. Graded P/N. This course is repeatable for 9 credits.