Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Environmental and Resource Management

The MS program in environmental and resource management provides students with a background in the sciences, engineering, environmental science, natural resources management, environmental health and safety, or other affiliated areas with the regulatory and technical background to mitigate the environmental impact of industrial sources of pollution, ensure compliance with environmental regulations, and manage and preserve natural ecosystems.

The curriculum focuses on areas such as environmental law, air pollution, soils and groundwater contamination, water law and policy, environmental toxicology, hazardous waste management, natural resources management, occupational health and safety, sustainable development, and international environmental laws and policies.

Graduate courses are available in a traditional face-to-face format as well as Web-based distance learning. While the faculty and program are based at the Polytechnic campus, the entire program can be completed online. It is possible to complete the program within two years, including summers. Many students are working professionals and are able to finish the degree while working full time.

Graduates are employed by manufacturing and mining industries, federal, state and local environmental and water agencies, environmental firms, utilities, international agencies such as the U.N. and World Bank, and NGOs.

At a Glance

- College/School: Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering
- Location: Polytechnic campus
Accelerated Degrees

This degree is also offered in an accelerated format with:

Business (Global Agribusiness), BA
Environmental and Resource Management, BS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior and senior years, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours and a thesis, or
30 credit hours and a written comprehensive exam, or
30 credit hours including the required applied project course (ERM 593)

Required Core (9 credit hours)
ERM 502 Regulatory Framework for Toxic and Hazardous Substances (3)
ERM 503 Principles of Toxicology (3)
ERM 506 Chemistry of Hazardous Materials (3)

Track Courses (9 credit hours)

Electives or Research (6-12 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (0-6 credit hours)
ERM 593 Applied Project (3) or
ERM 599 Thesis (6) or
written comprehensive exam

Additional Curriculum Information
Students either select the environmental management track or the international environmental management track.

The number of electives or research credit hours required is dependent upon the student's chosen culminating experience. Thesis students will take the minimum six credit hours required, applied project students will take nine credit hours, and students taking the written comprehensive exam will complete 12 credit hours of electives coursework.

Students should see the academic unit for a complete list of approved electives and track courses.
Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution in one of the following fields: environmental engineering, environmental and resource management, biology, chemistry, geology, environmental health, environmental management, environmental science, occupational safety and health, environmental technology, industrial hygiene, natural resource management, or a related field.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. GRE scores
4. letters of recommendation
5. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Students with professional experience in this field may apply for a GRE waiver.

There is no required foreign language exam.

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