Natural Resources - MNR, MS

Program Degrees:

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- Natural Resources - MS

Graduate study in natural resources leads to the Master of Natural Resources (MNR), or Master of Science (MS) degrees. In addition to meeting Graduate School admission requirements, applicants are evaluated and recommended for admission by the graduate faculty of the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences based on an examination of scores on the TOEFL tests for international students, previous academic records, experience, and recommendations. While exceptions may be made, the faculty generally expect a minimum GPA of 3.0 in previous academic course work. Course deficiencies are identified by the student’s advisory committee and approved by the GPO with due consideration for the student’s previous training and experience.

Degrees offered:

- **Master of Natural Resources** - The MNR is a non-thesis degree.

  *Natural Resource Management* is available for individuals with a baccalaureate degree who are interested in careers in the natural resources arena. This degree can be completed in 3-4 semesters depending upon coursework selected and requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate courses.

  *Professional Forester* track is for individuals with baccalaureate degrees in fields other than forestry and who are interested in becoming Registered Foresters in Alabama. This track is a two-year program which begins with a 10 week summer Field Practicum and requires a minimum of 64 semester hours (34 hours of specified undergraduate course work plus 30 hours of graduate course work).

- **Master of Science (MS)** A research proposal and thesis based on original research are required components of the MS degree. The program normally requires 2 – 3 years for completion. The MS degree program requires a minimum of 30 hours beyond the bachelor degree at the graduate level, 21 hours of which must be in the major. A minimum of 4 but not more than 6 hours in Research and Thesis (FORY 7990) is required. All MS students are required to take Research Methods (FORY 7510), Seminar (FOWS 7950), and Research and Thesis (FORY 7990).