Duluth Campus

Tribal Resource and Environmental Stewardship M.T.R.E.S.

American Indian Studies

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2020
- Length of program in credits: 36
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Tribal Res and Env Stewardship M T R E S

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The master's in tribal resource and environmental stewardship is an applied degree designed to meet the professional and leadership needs of tribal natural resources and environmental programs. Students will develop fundamental knowledge and skills for natural resources careers responsive to community needs and aspirations. Those who currently work or aspire to work in natural resources programs in tribal governance and related contexts will benefit from this program's emphasis on integrated approaches to the stewardship and protection of natural resources based upon Indigenous environmental systems and worldviews. The curriculum is based upon the interrelationship of biological, physical, and cultural systems. Required courses address program operations, sustainability, and integrated ecosystems studies. Elective course and the capstone project provide opportunity for personalized areas of focus.

Program delivery is designed to accommodate working professionals and support existing commitments to families and home communities. Partially online course delivery including several face-to-face meetings each semester provides interaction with experts in each area of the curriculum including faculty, staff, special guests, and students.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- partially online (between 50% to 80% of instruction is online)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:
Program is designed to meet the needs of tribal natural resource management. Natural resource professionals have a wide variety of expertise ranging across the sciences, liberal arts, and business and economics. Students entering the program will have Bachelor's degree but no specific disciplinary requirements are necessary.

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan C: Plan C requires 36 major credits and 0 credits outside the major.The is no final exam.A capstone project is required.
Capstone Project: The directed project is the capstone experience of the MTRES program, and is based on the plan previously approved in the seminar course. There will be flexibility to do wide range of projects: internships, service projects, research projects, or other activities. Students will be required to choose a project related to tribal natural resource stewardship that engages the community and involves communication with others.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

Course Requirements (28 cr)

TRES 5100 - Foundations of Indigenous Environmental Systems and Worldviews (Bioregionalism) (3.0 cr)
TRES 5101 - Tribal Natural Resource Program Management 1 (3.0 cr)
TRES 5102 - Tribal Natural Resource Program Management 2 (3.0 cr)
TRES 5201 - Integrated Ecosystems Stewardship 1 (3.0 cr)

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TRES 5202 - Integrated Ecosystems Stewardship 2 (3.0 cr)
TRES 5301 - Tribal Natural Resource Economics (3.0 cr)
TRES 5400 - Directed Project Seminar (1.0 cr)
TRES 5994 - Master of Tribal Natural Resource Stewardship Directed Project (3.0 cr)
MTAG 5110 - Principles of Tribal Sovereignty I (3.0 cr)
MTAG 5120 - Principles of Tribal Sovereignty II (3.0 cr)

Elective Coursework

Take at least 2 courses, selected in consultation with the director of graduate studies, for a minimum of 8 credits. One 4-level course, up to 4 credits, may be applied as an elective.

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