

Accelerated Master's Program: Student FAQ

What is the Accelerated Master's Program (AMP)?

The Accelerated Master's Program is designed to allow undergraduate students in the Natural Resources B.S. program to take graduate level courses that can be applied to the [Master of Natural Resources](#) degree. Students can take up to 12 credits of graduate level coursework that will transfer to the master's program at OSU and also be applied to their Natural Resources B.S. degree. Currently the MNR degree program is offered through OSU Ecampus although some specific courses may also be available on the Corvallis and/or Cascades campus.

Who is eligible for the AMP program?

All Natural Resources undergraduate students can apply if they meet the admission criteria. Unfortunately the AMP program is not open to Post Baccalaureate students.

What are the admission criteria?

Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 or above and have completed 105 credits in their undergraduate program. Applicants should also complete the WIC course for the Natural Resources B.S. before applying to the AMP program.

How do I apply?

The first step is to meet with the AMP Program Coordinator for the undergraduate Natural Resources program (Terina McLachlain). The program coordinator will help you prepare your application materials which include: 3 letters of reference, a completion plan that includes the graduate level courses that will be taken, and a statement of graduate research or project objectives. One of the letters must be from the applicant's potential graduate faculty advisor. It will be the applicant's responsibility to find the graduate faculty advisor who will agree to mentor the student through both the AMP and the MNR academic programs. The deadline to submit the application is 3 terms prior to anticipated graduation from the undergraduate degree. No GRE is required for AMP students and the graduate school admission fee is waived.

How do I find a graduate faculty advisor?

A list of possible faculty advisors will be provided but any OSU faculty member could potentially serve as a graduate faculty advisor if they are willing to do so. Students will reach out personally or through email to request a faculty member as an advisor. Applicants should find an advisor who has an area of research and expertise that is relevant to the student's proposed research or project.

What requirements do I need to meet to stay in the AMP program?

- All graduate level coursework to be applied to the MNR must be 3.0 or better.
- Students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA in their undergraduate program to remain in the program.

Are there required classes in the Accelerated Master's Program?

AMP students will be required to take MNR 560 Master's Case Study in place of NR 455 NR Decision Making (4 credits) as the capstone course for the Natural Resources undergraduate program. Additionally they will be required to take FES 585 Consensus and Natural Resources (3 credits) which will replace FES 485 in the Interdisciplinary Foundations block of the undergraduate program. Other suggested courses are FES 545 Ecological Restoration (3 credits) and FES 586 Public Lands Policy and Management (3 credits). Many other graduate level courses can be applied to the undergraduate major requirements.

In preparation for courses in the MNR program AMP students should take the 2XX series of biology or an equivalent transferable biology series for science majors. In most cases they should have also completed BI 370 General Ecology or an equivalent as well. Careful planning will insure that any prerequisite courses for graduate level courses will be taken as an undergraduate.

Will I be automatically admitted to the MNR degree program when my bachelor's degree is finished?

After completion of the Natural Resources B.S. degree program all AMP participants will be reviewed and admitted on a case by case basis. Application is competitive and not all applicants who meet the application criteria will be admitted.

Who should I contact if I am interested in the AMP program?

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