

**ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES****Program of Study**

The graduate program in Ecology & Environmental Science provides an institutional focus for University strengths in ecology, environmental science, and environmental policy. The primary mission of the Graduate Program in Ecology & Environmental Science is to offer a graduate program that complements traditional, more narrowly focused departmental degree programs and permits students to earn M.S. and Ph.D. degrees based on an integrated multi-disciplinary approach to the analysis of ecological and environmental problems. The program offers three degrees: Ph.D. in Ecology & Environmental Science, M.S. in Ecology & Environmental Science, thesis-based, and M.S. in Ecology & Environmental Science, non-thesis based.

The University of Maine offers one of the nation's leading interdisciplinary graduate training programs in ecology, environmental science, and environmental policy. The EES Graduate Program includes over 80 faculty members in 16 academic departments who collectively represent a broad spectrum of expertise in the analysis of physical, chemical, biological, ecological, policy-related and paleoecological aspects of terrestrial, freshwater, and marine ecosystems. Faculty and their students are currently studying a wide range of challenging problems in ecology, environmental science, and environmental policy in locations as nearby as the local bogs of Maine and as distant as the Hawaiian Islands and the marshes of the Hudson Bay.

Research Facilities

The geographic location of the University of Maine provides easy access to a wide range of ecological field study sites, including coastal zones ranging from rocky headlands to mudflats, diverse wetlands, managed and unmanaged forests, the Gulf of Maine, lakes, mountains, old-age forests, streams and major river systems. Located in Orono, approximately four hours drive from Boston or Quebec City, the University of Maine has easy access to distant locations via flights from Bangor International Airport.

Financial Aid

Research and teaching assistantships are available for students on a competitive basis. All applicants will automatically be considered for any available assistantship. No additional materials or requests are necessary.

Applying

Most students apply for fall enrollment, but applications for spring or summer enrollment are also considered. Summer enrollment may be of interest for applicants interested in conducting field work for the M.S. degree, which generally involves two field seasons. Applications for summer or fall enrollment should generally be submitted by January or early February, whereas applications for spring enrollment should generally be submitted by October. Earlier applications are more likely to be considered for potential graduate assistantships than those arriving later. Applications are available at The Graduate School website.

Graduate Faculty

Faculty in the graduate program in Ecology & Environmental Science comprise one of the strongest groups of ecological & environmental scientists at any land-grant institution in the United States. For additional information about the graduate faculty in Ecology & Environmental Science go to: <http://ees.umaine.edu>

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