Natural Resources

1. Change the curricular requirements of Natural Resources (M.N.R.) [Effective: Summer 2014]

   Master of Natural Resources. The Master of Natural Resources (MNR) is an interdisciplinary course-based graduate program designed for mid- and executive-level professionals who wish to enhance their educational credentials for a career in natural resources. The fundamental objective of the MNR graduate program is to integrate and scale various perspectives – ecological, the human dimension, planning, policy and law, and practical tools – into a systems view of natural resources. This unique professional degree is accessible to students of diverse academic backgrounds and will help graduates develop credentials and skills for the effective management of natural resources. The degree consists of 30 semester credits (five credits from each of four MNR program categories – Ecology & Management, Law, Human Dimensions, Policy, Planning, and Tools & Technology, eight elective course credits from the MNR curriculum, and two credits for a case study project). Up to 12 semester credits can be transferred into the program from other institutions. General MNR requirements apply.

   The MNR program can be combined with two different certificate programs specializing in restoration ecology and fire science. Admission to the College of Graduate Studies requires a minimum graduate point average (GPA) of 3.0, three letters of reference, and the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

   Complete admission and degree information available online at MyMNR.net. General M.N.R. requirements apply. To provide the breadth of knowledge required in this 30-credit degree, students must complete a minimum of two courses in each of the four major concentration areas (policy, planning, and law; human dimensions; ecology and resources; and tools and technology). Students will select courses based on their academic background and career goals. Students must also complete two 3-day, 1-credit colloquia to be offered on the UI campus. An additional 6 credits of advisor-approved electives is to be selected from nonlisted courses. The M.N.R. Committee may approve course substitutions.

   Rationale:

   1. An updated program description that is in-line with the marketing materials for the degree (web site, promotional materials, information transmitted via email). The revised description also clarifies current requirements. There are no net changes in the credits for this graduate degree and the core objectives and requirements of the degree remain as originally approved for this graduate degree.

   2. The minor change from credits for colloquia to a final project reflects the type of students in our program (more than 90% of our students are off-campus). There are no net changes in the credits for this graduate degree and the core objectives and requirements of the degree remain as originally approved for this graduate degree.