M.S. in Professional Science: Urban Ecology and Sustainable Planning

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Program Features

- One-on-one advising: Our world-class faculty strive to make your professional goals a reality.
- Small online class sizes.
- Professional skills for researchers: so you can accept the challenges of advancing in your career.
- Study when and where you want: and start working toward your degree completion while still working full-time.
- Make professional connections: with leaders in your field.
- Unique courses.
- 5 start dates per year.
- The degree can be completed in just 12 months if attending full-time.

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Program Details

**Degree requirements:**
30 credits earned / 3.00 minimum cumulative graduate level grade point average

**Professional Skills Core:**
- PROF 505 Strategic Management of Innovation
- PROF 510 Communication for Professionals
- PROF 515 Ethical Practice and Policy

**Urban Ecology and Sustainable Planning Core:**
- GISC 515 GIS and Remote Sensing for Environmental Solutions
- SNRM 520 Quantitative Reasoning and Scientific Thought
- UESP 505 Sustainable Design: Green Spaces and Urban Nature
- UESP 510 Sustainable Urban Ecology: Feeding Urban Communities
- UESP 605 Sustainable Design: Creating Sustainable Buildings
- UESP 615 Planning for Human-Wildlife Interactions in Urban Environments
- UESP 690 Understanding the Complexities of Urban Planning: The Intersection of Government, NGO, and Enterprise

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**Become the change the world needs.**

Our communities are facing complex problems and the world needs skilled and qualified systematic thinkers to solve them. Learn to care for people and the environment while you grow your career.

Sustainability practitioners are in high demand across many industries as it has become a priority to implement environmental solutions. Gain the skills to help build more resilient communities wherever you are.

**Careers**
- Environmental Compliance Specialist
- Environmental Planner / Project Manager
- Operational Analyst
- Urban / Transportation Planner
- City Planner