

Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

The Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies has restructured components of three of its four Masters programs. Under the new curriculum in the Master of Environmental Management (MEM), students must complete courses in three major areas: Foundations, Electives and the Capstone for a total of 48 credits over four semesters. Eight new optional specializations, across a range of environmental disciplines, have been introduced, consisting of 18-24 credits each. Although specializations are not required in the MEM, a student who successfully completes the prescribed coursework will receive formal acknowledgement on their transcript.

The School's research based degrees, the Master of Environmental Science (MESC) and Master of Forest Science (MFS), have received substantial changes. Students must complete 48 credits over four semesters, 24 of which must consist of coursework. Students are required to complete Mixed Methods for Social Science Research or Natural Science Research Methods in their first semester (substitutions allowed with approval). Students must also complete at least 12 credits of Thesis Research throughout the program, and are required to complete a Thesis by the end of Year 2, to be evaluated by a thesis committee.

In addition to these curricular changes, several new joint programs have been introduced. New joint degree programs include: East Asian Studies (MA); African Studies (MA); and European and Russian Studies (MA). Further, a new Dual degree program has been introduced with Tsinghua University (Master of Science in Environmental Engineering), and the five-year program for Yale College students has been expanded to include students from Yale-NUS.