

# Master of Science in Environmental Science

## INTRODUCTION

This degree prepares students for work as teachers, lab technicians or administrative employees in academia, industry, governmental agencies or non-profit organizations. The program includes interdisciplinary course work in environmental law, policy, and engineering. It is designed to develop specific expertise in the student's field of interest.

## DEGREE PROGRAM

The program is particularly strong in urban ecology and environmental science. The Cleveland area and Cuyahoga River with its parks and old industrial areas are natural subjects for ecological and environmental studies. The thesis version may be combined with the J.D. program offered by the College of Law, with a savings of a year to obtain the two degrees.



## RESEARCH

The degree is offered in thesis and non-thesis versions. The former is suggested for more rigorous training in laboratory and research methods; the latter for teachers and students working in the area who want to deepen their knowledge of environmental science. Both require competence in interdisciplinary areas, including environmental engineering and law or policy. The thesis version requires course work, original scientific research, a written thesis and its oral defense, presentation of the thesis research at a Department Seminar, and a manuscript suitable for publication as an original research report in a scientific journal.

Thirty-two credits of research and course work are required, of which at least twenty-four are course work, including biochemistry, biostatistics, orientation, and graduate seminars. The non-thesis version requires thirty-two credits of course work, including biochemistry, biostatistics, orientation, and graduate seminars, and a final library research paper to be

presented and defended before a committee of three faculty members.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A complete application includes the online form, transcripts, GRE general test scores, (TOEFL scores for students without a degree from an English-speaking institution), at least two letters of recommendation, and a 1-2 page essay statement of career goals and research interests. Requirements for entry include a B.S. in biology or other appropriate area, GPA over 2.75 (3.00 for consideration for graduate assistantships), good letters of reference; preferred qualifications include GRE percentile scores averaging over 50 and an excellent match of research interests to those of our faculty.

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