

# NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, PH.D.

Natural Resources Institute

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**Academic Staff:** Please refer to the NRI website (<https://umanitoba.ca/environment-earth-resources/faculty-staff/>) for academic staff information.

## Natural Resources Management Ph.D. Program Information

The Doctor of Philosophy program is aimed at developing independent researchers in the areas of natural resources and the environment.

## Admission Information

### Admission to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Application and Admission Procedures are found in the Academic Guide (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/application-admission-registration-policies/>).

Admission requirements for doctoral students are found in the Doctor of Philosophy General Regulations (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/doctor-philosophy-general-regulations/>) section of the Guide.

### Natural Resources Management Ph.D. Admission Requirements

An applicant should have a high academic standing in previous university work, a Master's degree in a related discipline, as determined by the NRI Selection Committee, and an area of research interest that may be supported by an NRI faculty member. Students must be accepted by an advisor prior to submitting an application to enter the program. A 3.5 GPA (or equivalent) in their most recent 60 credit hours of coursework and evidence of scholarly ability are required.

## Application Information

Students should complete and submit their online application with supporting documentation by the date indicated on the Natural Resources Management Ph.D. program of study (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/natural-resources-and-environmental-management-phd/>) page.

## Degree Requirements

### Program Requirements

PhD students entering with a Master's degree may take up to 21 credit hours in total. Students must take NRI 7310 Ph.D. Thesis Research

Seminar (3). A minimum of 6 credit hours of courses must be completed within the Natural Resources Institute. The remaining 9 credit hours of 7000 level NRI electives will usually include one of:

- NRI 7222 Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and Environmental Management (3)
- NRI 7232 Ecological Dimensions of Resource and Environmental Management (3)
- NRI 7182 Sustainability, Economics, and Natural Resources (3)

unless credit has already been received for one of the three courses above.

Individual programs of study will vary from student to student depending on each student's research interest and the recommendations of each student's advisor and Ph.D. advisory committee. Students will be encouraged to use the pool of Natural Resources Institute required and elective courses as well as appropriate graduate courses available outside of the Natural Resources Institute in order to select the best set of courses to complement their programs.

Student academic progress will be reported annually to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. A minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0, with no grade below C+, must be maintained in order to continue in the program.

**Expected Time to Graduate:** 4 years

### Progression Chart

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Year 1</b>		
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
Select a minimum of 6 credit hours of NRI courses and select a minimum of 12 and maximum of 21 credit hours of the following or other U of M courses at the 7000 level or above:		12-21
NRI 7310	Ph.D. Thesis Research Seminar (Required)	
NRI 7070	Readings in Natural Resources Management 1	
NRI 7080	Readings in Natural Resources Management 2	
NRI 7110	Field Seminar	
NRI 7160	Projects in Natural Resources Management 1	
NRI 7170	Projects in Natural Resources Management 2	
NRI 7180	Sustainable Development and Natural Resources	
NRI 7182	Sustainability, Economics, and Natural Resources	
NRI 7190	Natural Resources Administration and Law	
NRI 7200	The Role of Information Management in Sustainable Resource Use	
NRI 7222	Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and Environmental Management	
NRI 7232	Ecological Dimensions of Resource and Environmental Management	
NRI 7242	Resource and Environmental Management Policy	
NRI 7252	Environmental Management Practice	

NRI 7290	Environmental Impact Assessment
NRI 7302	Conservation Biology and Biodiversity Management
NRI 7320	Environmental Risk and Hazards
NRI 7330	Water Resources: Analysis, Planning and Management
NRI 7340	Environmental Justice and Ecosystem Health
NRI 7350	Study Design and Quantitative Methods for Resource and Environmental Management
NRI 7360	Qualitative Field Methods for Community-based Resource and Environmental Management
NRI 7370	Sustainable Livelihoods, Food Resources and Community Food Security
<b>Hours</b>	
<b>12-21</b>	
<b>Year 2</b>	
Doctoral Thesis	0
GRAD 8010	Doctoral Candidacy Examination
GRAD 8020	Doctoral Re-registration
<b>Hours</b>	
<b>0</b>	
<b>Total Hours</b>	
<b>12-21</b>	

The proposal, Candidacy Exam, first draft and oral defence meetings are required. The proposal meeting is held in year 1 followed by data collection, analysis and writing. The Candidacy exam takes place during the second year. For more information on the thesis process, please refer to the PhD student Handbook at the Natural Resources Institute.

## Registration Information

Students should familiarize themselves with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies 'GRAD' courses applicable to their program (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/registration-information/>). If you have questions about which GRAD course(s) to register in, please consult your home department/unit.

All returning and newly admitted students to the Natural Resources Institute are required to see their faculty advisor to complete their Degree Requirement form prior to attempting to register. Appointments can be made by calling the general office. Only courses that have been approved by the faculty advisor will be credited to a student's program.

## Regulations

Students must meet the requirements as outlined in both Supplementary Regulation and BFAR documents as approved by Senate.

### Supplementary Regulations

Individual units may require specific requirements above and beyond those of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and students should consult unit supplementary regulations (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/supplementary-regulations/>) for these specific regulations.

### Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR)

Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR) (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#BFAR>) represent the core academic requirements

a graduate student must acquire in order to gain, and demonstrate acquisition of, essential knowledge and skills.

All students must successfully complete:

- GRAD 7300 prior to applying to any ethics boards which are appropriate to the student's research or within the student's first year, whichever comes first; and
- GRAD 7500 within the first term of registration;

unless these courses have been completed previously, as per Mandatory Academic Integrity Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7500>) and Mandatory Research Integrity Online Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7300>).

Students must also meet additional BFAR requirements (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/student-experience/core-academic-requirements/#additional-requirements-by-program>) that may be specified for their program.

### General Regulations

All students must:

- maintain a minimum degree grade point average of 3.0 with no grade below C+,
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum course requirements, and
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum time requirements (in terms of time in program and lapse or expiration of credit of courses).