Admission Requirements
B.A. or B.S. from an accredited college or university
A GPA of 3.0 or higher
Acceptable GRE scores
Application for graduate admission to UNCW
M.S. EVS Statement of Interest Form
Three letters of recommendation
Official transcripts of all prior university or college work

Application Procedures and Deadlines
Applications will be accepted and considered until the class is filled. For application details, visit:
uncw.edu/evs/academics-MS_Degree.html
uncw.edu/evs/academics-Post-Baccalaureate.html

Financial Support
Financial support may be available to qualified students.
For financial aid information:
910.962.3177
finaid@uncw.edu
www.uncw.edu/finaid

A limited number of scholarships, tuition remissions and teaching assistantships are available. See application.

For more information
www.uncw.edu/evs/ms
www.uncw.edu/grad

The University of North Carolina Wilmington is one of 17 constituent universities in the UNC system. We are located in southeastern North Carolina in the city of Wilmington, situated on the east bank of the Cape Fear River and just five miles from the Atlantic Ocean.

UNCW is recognized as one of the five best public master’s university in the South, according to U.S. News & World Report rankings for regional universities. UNCW is among a very select group of universities that has consistently ranked in the top 10.

With more than 13,000 students, UNCW provides excellent student resources, including a comprehensive library, smart classrooms with state-of-the-art technology.
experience

Given the diversity of the environmental studies field, successful professional leadership requires both academic knowledge and hands-on skills. Therefore, students in the Master of Science in environmental studies program are provided with extensive field experience opportunities under the guidance of professionals whose areas of expertise are matched with the specific interests of each student.

These experiences go above and beyond that which is possible within the boundaries of a traditional course. They may include extended opportunities for advanced fieldwork, research or other creative activities under the supervision of practitioners in the non-profit, public or private sectors.

learning

In the program, students gain the expertise needed to work with scientists, managers and educators in the classroom, lab and field. The social, political, economic, scientific and educational components that guide society’s role in both causing and solving environmental problems provide the basis for a rigorous curriculum.

Individualized curricula guide students in pursuing independent areas of investigation and practice. Small classes and close working relationships with faculty and field instructors provide enhanced opportunities for learning.

curriculum

The program requires the satisfactory completion of 33 credit hours of approved graduate level courses consisting of the following:

- 15 credit hours of core courses designed to provide a foundation in environmental studies
- 3 credit hours of practicum designed to link theory with practice
- 15 credits in an approved concentration:
  - Coastal management
  - Environmental education & interpretation
  - Environmental management
  - Marine and coastal education
  - Individualized study

The curriculum culminates with two capstone courses:
- Seminar/final project - students are given the opportunity to develop and execute a curriculum-related project with a faculty member
- Practicum in environmental studies - students are placed in a field-based experience under the guidance of an environmental professional.

focus

Master of Science in Environmental Studies

UNCW Department of Environmental Studies Master of Science degree is an interdisciplinary graduate degree designed for professionals, practitioners, citizens and students who wish to strengthen their knowledge of the environment. The multidisciplinary nature of this program provides the student with a unique balance of the scientific background necessary for sound environmental decision-making within the context of educational, political, sociological, economic and legal frameworks. The program aims to produce future and current environmental professionals with the broad perspective necessary to be effective leaders in the field.

opportunity

Professionals throughout the world are actively involved in addressing the environmental challenges we face. Because there is extensive work to do, the opportunities for employment are vast.

A Master of Science in environmental studies from UNCW can open the door for future professionals to rewarding, rapidly growing careers, including:

- Land and water conservation
- Environmental education and interpretation
- Solid and hazardous waste management
- Air and water quality management
- Fisheries, forestry and wildlife management
- Planning
- Parks and outdoor recreation management
- Coastal management

For more information on requirements and courses, please visit www.uncw.edu/evs/MS