HUMAN DIMENSIONS OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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Program Code             HDNRE
Campus(es)               University Park
Degrees Conferred        Dual-Title
The Graduate Faculty     View (https://secure.gradsch.psu.edu/gpms/index.cfm?
searchType=fac&prog=HDNRE)

Students electing the dual-title intercollege program in HDNRE through participating majors may earn a degree with the dual-title at both the Ph.D. and M.S./M.A. levels, i.e., Ph.D. in (graduate program name) and Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment, or M.S./M.A. in (graduate program name) and Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment.

The following graduate programs offer dual-title degrees in HDNRE:

- Anthropology
- Architecture
- Energy and Mineral Engineering
- Forest Resources
- Geography
- Landscape Architecture
- Recreation, Park and Tourism Management
- Rural Sociology

The HDNRE dual-title intercollege degree program is administered by the HDNRE Program Committee. The committee maintains program definition, identifies appropriate faculty and courses, and recommends policies and procedures for its operation. This dual-title intercollege degree program is offered through graduate major programs in four colleges Agricultural Sciences, Earth and Mineral Sciences, Health and Human Development, and the Liberal Arts. HDNRE enables students to attain and be identified with the content, techniques, applications, methods, and policy implications of an interdisciplinary focus on Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment, while maintaining a close association with areas of application.

Through participation in HDNRE, student’s programs of study will emphasize integrated, multidisciplinary approaches designed for improving their understanding about and management of natural resources. Areas of study will reflect the faculty adviser’s home department and disciplinary thrust.

Admission Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-title-graduate-degree-programs).

To pursue a dual-title intercollege degree under this program, the student must first apply and be admitted through one of the existing graduate programs that offers the dual-title degree in HDNRE:

- Anthropology
- Architecture
- Energy and Mineral Engineering
- Forest Resources
- Geography
- Landscape Architecture
- Recreation, Park and Tourism Management
- Rural Sociology

Once accepted into their home degree program, the student can apply to the Admissions Committee of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment. The Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment admissions committee reviews applications and recommends students for admission to the dual-title degree program to The Graduate School. HDNRE admission requirements include:

1. a minimum baccalaureate Jr/Sr grade point average of 3.0 out of a 4.0 scale;
2. a statement of professional goals, natural resource management philosophy, and reasons for applying to the program; and
3. three letters of reference from individuals capable of evaluating the applicant’s potential for graduate work in interdisciplinary natural resource management.

Doctoral students must apply and be admitted to the HDNRE dual-title program prior to taking the qualifying examination.

Degree Requirements

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To qualify for the HDNRE dual-title intercollege degree, students must satisfy the requirements of the major degree program in which they are enrolled, including the communication/foreign language requirements, if any. In addition, they must satisfy the minimum requirements in the HDNRE dual-title intercollege program described here. Final course selection is determined by the student and her/his advisers and/or Ph.D. committee. All dual-title intercollege degree candidates must enroll in HDNRE 590 in each of their first two semesters.

Master’s Degrees

A student in the dual-title intercollege M.S./M.A. in HDNRE must complete 17 credits of HDNRE course work beyond the bachelor’s degree in addition to curricular requirements for the master’s degree in the student’s primary program.

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¹ This course is required for all M.S./M.A. in HDNRE dual-title students.
take 3 additional credits of
student’s Ph.D. committee. As well, a continuing doctoral student must
disciplinary course work must be selected, with the approval of the
requirements and those of the HDNRE program. If an HDNRE M.S./
courses must be approved by the student’s M.S./M.A. advisers and/or
home graduate degree program) are required if the candidate is writing a
thesis. Particular courses may satisfy both the graduate major program
thesis as part of the master’s requirements if required by the
participating program.

**Doctoral Degrees**

A candidate for the dual-title intercollege HDNRE Ph.D. must complete,
in addition to curricular requirements for the doctoral degree in
program, a minimum of 18 credits of HDNRE coursework.

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<td>GIS Based Socio-Ecological Landscape Analysis</td>
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1 HDNRE 590 must be taken in each of the first two semesters of
enrollment in the dual-title intercollege degree program.

In addition, 6 credits of Thesis Research (600 or 610 in the student’s
home graduate degree program) are required if the candidate is writing a
thesis. Particular courses may satisfy both the graduate major program
requirements and those of the HDNRE dual-title intercollege program. All
courses must be approved by the student’s M.S./M.A. advisers and/or
committee.

The thesis supervisor and chair of the student’s committee shall be a
member of the student’s major program, and a member of the dual-title
program. All members of the committee must hold Graduate Faculty
status or secure the same before serving on the committee.

The culminating experience (e.g., thesis or scholarly paper) must
incorporate an HDNRE interest together with the primary field of study.
All students are also required to successfully complete an oral defense of the
M.S./M.A. thesis as part of the master’s requirements if required by the
participating program.

**Student Aid**

Graduate assistantships available to students in this program and other
forms of student aid are described in the Tuition & Funding (http://
gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-funding) section of The Graduate School’s
website. Students on graduate assistantships must adhere to the course
load limits (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gsad/
gsad-900/gsad-901-graduate-assistants) set by The Graduate School.

**Courses**

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may
be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by
graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate
student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up
deiciencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet
requirements for an advanced degree.

Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment (HDNRE)
Course List (https://bulletins.psu.edu/university-course-descriptions/
graduate/hdnre)

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