Environment & Resources master's degree

- Must be an interdisciplinary research endeavor integrating some element of natural science, even if just basic or applied science, along with a human-dimensions component, culminating in a thesis.

- A minimum 3-member advisory committee
  - At least 2 committee members must be on the UW-Madison faculty.
  - Faculty members hold the ranks of Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor.
  - A non-faculty, or even non-UW, member may be the 3rd representative on the committee if approved by the student’s advisor and the E&R program chair.
  - This 3rd representative would need to hold at least a master’s degree because that is the degree level at which the student is being examined.
  - At least 2 departments or programs must be represented on the committee.
  - At least 1 natural scientist (from the biological sciences division or the physical sciences division) and at least 1 human-dimensions representative (from the social sciences division or the arts & humanities division) are required as part of the committee composition.

- Students must hold a certification meeting with all committee members present to discuss the course work covering the curriculum requirements as well as the thesis proposal. The certification paperwork needs to be signed by all committee members and then submitted to the Academic Programs Office (70 Science Hall).
  [link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1m3pzSM7QmA7WAD5is3ILGmCflV0-UJG/view?usp=sharing)

- A minimum of 2 credits of enrollment is required the term in which the master’s student graduates.
- For students planning to defend their thesis and finish their degree, a graduation warrant must be requested through the Academic Programs Office (70 Science Hall) at least three weeks prior to the thesis defense.
- Here are guidelines for the final, oral defense:
  [link](https://nelson.wisc.edu/graduate/environment-and-resources/final-thesis-and-dissertation-defense-guidelines/)
- After the successful thesis defense, the graduation warrant must be signed by all committee members and then a copy of it must be submitted to the Academic Programs Office (70 Science Hall).