The master's degree in natural resource management and geography is designed to prepare students for a management career in natural resources planning and administration; communication and public information; and/or operational innovation, improvement and impact assessment. While not requiring scientific research, the work is expected to involve critical reflection, empirical inquiry and intellectual honesty. A written product (an "opus") and an oral presentation demonstrating sound scholarship will be required. Final acceptance of the project will be by the student’s committee and the associate dean of SNRE.

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3. Complete the following:
   - NRM F601—Research Methods in Natural Resources ........................................ 2
   - or an approved research methods course*
   - NRM F692—Graduate Seminar ................................................................. 3
   - NRM F699—Thesis .................................................................................. 6–12
   - Statistics course at the F400 level or above** ........................................ 3
4. Additional approved courses as needed to total 30 credits (these courses will be approved by the student’s committee). Up to 6 of these credits may be F400-level courses.
5. Complete and successfully defend the thesis.
6. Minimum credits required ........................................................................ 30
   * Requirement may be met with a research methods course in a discipline related to natural resources management.
   ** Requirement may be met with a statistics course in mathematical sciences or in a discipline related to natural resources management.

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   - NRM F699—Non-thesis research/project .................................................. 6
   - Statistics course at the F400 level or above** ........................................ 3
4. Additional approved courses as needed to total 35 credits (these courses will be approved by the student’s committee and the SNRE dean). Up to 9 of these credits may be F400-level courses.
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