# HUMAN ECOLOGY: HUMAN ECOLOGY, MS

This is a named option in the Human Ecology MS. (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/human-ecology-school-wide/human-ecology-ms/)

The Master of Science in Human Ecology offers multi-disciplinary coursework that focuses on current theories and strategies for creating, managing, and evaluating settings that promote human and community development. Students are exposed to current research and practice that integrates the promotion of human and family development with perspectives on building effective organizations and sustainable communities. Students create their own "master's specialization" through elective courses and the completion of a real-world capstone project. Specializations are designed so that students can name their expertise to prospective employees.

This program is intended as a terminal, applied degree. Students interested in a PhD, MFA, or other graduate degrees in the School of Human Ecology (https://sohe.wisc.edu/graduate-students/) may apply separately to these programs.

The master's program is geared toward students who are both new to the field and those who have had some direct practice, applied research, educational or advocacy experience. This MS degree can be completed in three semesters of full-time study or four or more semesters if students are part-time. The program prepares students for careers working in a wide range of settings, including:

- Community-based organizations (family support, youth work, community organizing, social justice, intervention and prevention programs, consumer and financial coaching)
- Intermediary and "backbone" organizations (technical assistance providers, philanthropic foundations, applied research and evaluation organizations, capacity building providers, community-based economic development)
- Government agencies (child and family services, public health, legislative support)
- University outreach (Cooperative Extension, community partnerships and coalitions, public service, multicultural offices, academic support, and education)

## ADMISSIONS

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. ***Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).*** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/).

| Requirements | Detail |
| --- | --- |
| Fall Deadline | December 1 |
| Spring Deadline | The program does not admit in the spring. |
| Summer Deadline | The program does not admit in the summer. |
| GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) | Not required. |
| English Proficiency Test | Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not exclusively in English, must provide an English proficiency test score earned within two years of the anticipated term of enrollment. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/). |
| Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT) | n/a |
| Letters of Recommendation Required | 3 |

Human Ecology Admissions Information (https://grad.humanecology.wisc.edu/admissions/).

## FUNDING

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### GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

### PROGRAM RESOURCES

Funding opportunities for Human Ecology graduate students are available and made possible, in large part, by generous donations to SoHE. Every year, these funds are used to fund teaching or project assistantships, award academic excellence scholarships, and provide students doing their masters or doctoral research or final MFA project with conference travel scholarships and graduate research scholarships. See the School of Human Ecology Enrollment Policy on Funding Eligibility (https://sohe.wisc.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-forms-deadlines/full-time-enrollment-policy-for-funding-eligibility/) and view current funding opportunities on our program website (https://sohe.wisc.edu/graduate-students/funding/) for more information.

## REQUIREMENTS

## MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

# NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS
## MODE OF INSTRUCTION

| Face to Face | Evening/Weekend | Online | Hybrid | Accelerated |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yes | No | No | No | No |

### Mode of Instruction Definitions
**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules.  Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats.  Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online.  Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

## CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

| Requirement | Detail |
|---|---|
| Minimum Credit Requirement | 32 credits |
| Minimum Residence Credit Requirement | 16 credits |
| Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement | 16 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/). |
| Overall Graduate GPA Requirement | 3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/). |
| Other Grade Requirements | n/a |
| Assessments and Examinations | No additional assessments and examinations. |
| Language Requirements | No language requirements. |

## REQUIRED COURSES

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|---|---|
| **Understanding and Translating Research** | | **3** |
| Students choose appropriate course with advisor approval. | | |
| **Content and Theory** | | **8** |

Students select courses from any School of Human Ecology department (CNSR SCI, CSCS, DS, HDFS, or INTER-HE) for 8 credits. Coursework must include the following course.

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| INTER-HE 801 | Special Topics in Human Ecology (Professional Development) | |
| **Area of Specialization** | | **9** |

Students develop their own specialization based on their professional interests and career goals by taking three courses chosen in consultation with advisor.

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| **Professional Skills** | | **9** |

Students may choose from topics in the following course. Students may complete other courses as approved by the Faculty Program Director.

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| INTER-HE 815 | Professional Skills for Community Leaders and Practitioners | |
| **Capstone Project** | | **3** |
| INTER-HE 980 | Capstone Seminar [1] | |
| **Total Credits** | | **32** |

[1]  Students typically take 1 capstone seminar credit in their second-to-last semester and 2 capstone seminar credits in their final semester; alternative approaches can be made with the approval of the Faculty Program Director.

## POLICIES

# GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES

The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures (https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

# NAMED OPTION–SPECIFIC POLICIES
## PRIOR COURSEWORK
### Graduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions
With program approval, students are allowed to transfer up to 9 credits of graduate coursework taken at other institutions. Prior coursework taken at other institutions may not be used to satisfy the minimum graduate residence credit requirement. Credits earned five or more years prior to admission to a master's degree are not allowed to satisfy requirements.

### Undergraduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions or UW–Madison
Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/) policy.

### Credits Earned as a Professional Student at UW–Madison (Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary careers)
Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/) policy.

**Credits Earned as a University Special Student at UW–Madison**

With program approval, students are allowed to transfer up to 9 credits of graduate coursework taken as a University Special student numbered 300 or above. Credits earned five or more years prior to admission to a master's degree are not allowed to satisfy requirements. These credits are not allowed to satisfy the minimum graduate coursework requirement unless numbered 700 or above or are taken to meet the requirements of a capstone certificate and has the "Grad 50%" attribute.

## PROBATION

Refer to the Graduate School: Probation (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1217/) policy.

## ADVISOR / COMMITTEE

Refer to the Graduate School: Advisor (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1232/) and Graduate School: Committees (Doctoral/Master's/MFA) (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1201/) policies.

## CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED

15 credits

## TIME LIMITS

Refer to the Graduate School: Time Limits (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221/) policy.

## GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

The School of Human Ecology Graduate Program Handbook outlines the conduct expectations and grievance process.

These resources may be helpful in addressing your concerns:

- Bias or Hate Reporting (https://doso.students.wisc.edu/bias-or-hate-reporting/)
- Graduate Assistantship Policies and Procedures (https://hr.wisc.edu/policies/gapp/#grievance-procedure)
- Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Policies and Procedures (https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/)
    - Office of the Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs (https://facstaff.provost.wisc.edu/)
- Dean of Students Office (https://doso.students.wisc.edu/) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
- Employee Assistance (http://www.eao.wisc.edu/) (for personal counseling and workplace consultation around communication and conflict involving graduate assistants and other employees, post-doctoral students, faculty and staff)
- Employee Disability Resource Office (https://employeedisabilities.wisc.edu/) (for qualified employees or applicants with disabilities to have equal employment opportunities)
- Graduate School (https://grad.wisc.edu/) (for informal advice at any level of review and for official appeals of program/departmental or school/college grievance decisions)
- Office of Compliance (https://compliance.wisc.edu/) (for class harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence)
- Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/) (for conflicts involving students)
- Ombuds Office for Faculty and Staff (http://www.ombuds.wisc.edu/) (for employed graduate students and post-docs, as well as faculty and staff)
- Title IX (https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/) (for concerns about discrimination)

## OTHER

n/a

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Take advantage of the Graduate School's professional development resources (https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

## PROGRAM RESOURCES

The School of Human Ecology Graduate Program values the professional development of graduate students and provides financial awards to those who are invited to present at professional conferences/exhibits. The purpose of the support is to encourage participation in professional development, scholarly research, and/or creative endeavor and to help cover expenses not covered by other sources. Students may receive a maximum award of $650 for travel ($750 for international travel) to support conference participation in a single academic year. Students are encouraged to seek conference and travel funding from the Graduate School as a first step and apply for supplemental funds through SoHE as needed.

In addition, each academic department within the School of Human Ecology may offer additional professional development grant opportunities. See the program Events Calendar (https://sohe.wisc.edu/calendar-of-events/) for the most up-to-date information on professional development opportunities.

# PEOPLE

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Human Ecology Directory (https://humanecology.wisc.edu/staff/): listing of all faculty, staff, and graduate students; searchable by association, department, and name

Department of Civil Society & Community Studies (Civil Society & Community Research: CSCR graduate program)

> CSCS Faculty/Staff (https://humanecology.wisc.edu/staff/uw_staff_type/faculty-staff/sohe-department/civil-society-community-studies/)

> CSCR Graduate Students (https://humanecology.wisc.edu/staff/uw_staff_type/graduate-student/sohe-department/civil-society-community-studies/)

Department of Consumer Science (Consumer Behavior & Family Economics: CBFE graduate program)

> CS Faculty/Staff (https://humanecology.wisc.edu/staff/uw_staff_type/faculty-staff/sohe-department/consumer-science/)

> CBFE Graduate Students (https://humanecology.wisc.edu/staff/uw_staff_type/graduate-student/sohe-department/consumer-science/)

Department of Design Studies (Design Studies: DS graduate programs)

    DS Faculty/Staff (https://humanecology.wisc.edu/staff/uw_staff_type/faculty-staff/sohe-department/design-studies/)

    DS Graduate Students (https://humanecology.wisc.edu/staff/uw_staff_type/graduate-student/sohe-department/design-studies/)

Department of Human Development & Family Studies (Human Development & Family Studies: HDFS graduate program)

    HDFS Faculty/Staff (https://humanecology.wisc.edu/staff/uw_staff_type/faculty-staff/sohe-department/hdfs/)

    HDFS Graduate Students (https://humanecology.wisc.edu/staff/uw_staff_type/graduate-student/sohe-department/hdfs/)