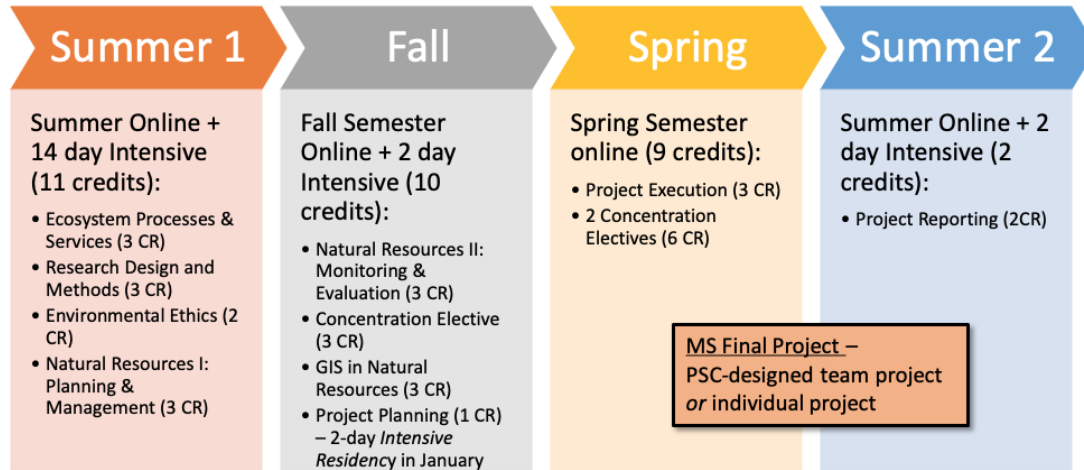


## **Master's Degree in Natural Resources Conservation Detailed Academic Calendar (6/2/20)**

**Paul Smith's College Master's Degree in Natural Resources Conservation – program design**

Key features: 32 credits, 3 on-campus residencies, hybrid and online format, final real-world application project, 1-year completion



CONCENTRATION ELECTIVES		
<p><b>Forest Resource Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural Resources Economics</li> <li>• Forest Policy</li> <li>• Forest Resources Assessment</li> </ul>	<p><b>Aquatic Resource Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Law, Policy and Regulation</li> <li>• Restoration of Aquatic Ecosystems</li> <li>• Assessment of Aquatic Resources</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sustainable Communities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Development</li> <li>• Strategic Communication for Sustainability</li> <li>• Building Collaborative Communities</li> </ul>

### Summer Semester 2020 (12 weeks; 11 credits)

*(N.B.: Students are advised to conduct any necessary pre-program academic preparation in statistics and/or GIS as soon as they are admitted. Students are to consult with the appropriate Graduate Studies faculty to develop a plan of study.)*

Program entry – June 19	Pre-Registration for Summer and Fall Semesters 2020	
Monday May 18	Program begins: Pre-Residency online coursework; Last day to add course	
Monday June 15	Last day to drop course without a notation on transcript	
Sunday July 5	Summer Master's Residency dormitory check-in, 3-7 pm	
Monday July 6	Summer Master's Residency Begins, 8:00 am	
Friday July 10	Payment for Fall 2020 Semester Due	
Saturday July 18	Summer Master's Residency Ends, 11:00 am	
Monday July 20	Last day to drop course with WP or WF on transcript	
Monday August 10	Summer Master's Residency final projects due, 11:59 pm	
Monday August 17	Summer Master's Residency grades submitted by instructors	

Fall Semester 2020 (Standard semester + January Residency; 20 weeks total; 10 credits)

Tuesday	September 1	MSNRC Core Course (7 weeks) and Concentration Elective Course (14 weeks) begin
Tuesday	September 8	Last day to add/change courses
Friday	October 16	MSNRC Core Course ends
Mon-Fri	Oct 26-Nov 13	Pre-Registration for Spring 2021 semester
Monday	November 30	GIS 520 Spatial Applications for Natural Resources Management begins
Monday	December 14	Concentration Elective Course ends (standard term)
Monday	December 21	Payment for Spring 2021 Semester Due
Monday	December 28	NRS 590 Natural Resources Conservation Project – 1 credit project planning element begins (online content)
Friday	January 8	January Master’s Residency check in, 1:00 pm
Friday	January 8	January Master’s Residency Begins, 2:00 pm
Sunday	January 10	January Master’s Residency Ends, 12:00 pm
Sunday	January 17	GIS 520 and NRS 590 final projects due, 11:59 pm
Friday	January 22	GIS 520 and NRS 590 grades submitted by instructors

Fall Semester MSNRC Course Overview

Course	September	October	November	December	January
Core Course					
Elective					
GIS					
Proj. Planning					

Spring Semester 2021 (Standard semester; 9 credits)

Tuesday	January 19	Master’s Core Course and 2 Elective Courses begin
Tuesday	January 26	Last day to add/change courses
Mon-Fri	Mar 22-Apr 9	Pre-Registration for Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 Semesters
Monday	May 3	Master’s courses end (standard term)
Friday	May 7	Payment for Summer 2021 Semester Due

Summer Semester 2021 (2-day residency; 2 credits)

Monday	May 17	Pre-Program Academic Preparation (online: GIS, Statistics, etc.)
Monday	May 31	Program begins: Pre-Residency online coursework (entering cohort)
Sunday	June 13	Summer Master’s Residency dormitory check-in, 3-7 pm
Monday	June 14	Summer Master’s Residency Begins, 8:00 am

Friday	June 18	Summer Master's Residency begins 12:00 pm (Graduating cohort)
Sunday	June 20	Summer Master's Residency ends 12:00 pm (Graduating cohort)
Friday	June 25	Summer Master's Residency Ends, 11:00 am
Friday	July 9	Payment for Fall 2021 Semester Due
Monday	August 9	Summer Master's Residency final projects due, 11:59 pm
Monday	August 16	Summer Master's Residency grades submitted by instructors

(Graduating cohort eligible to participate in general college commencement ceremonies, on campus, in December or May following successful submission of final project)