

## **Master of Fisheries Science (MFSC)**

The goal of this non-thesis graduate degree program is to provide working natural resource professionals with an understanding of the interrelationships among ecology, policy, culture and economics as factors that influence natural resource management.

### **Requirements**

A professional Master's degree via distance education requires thirty-six credit hours. Twenty-four of these hours will consist of wildlife and fisheries sciences courses and selected courses from other TAMU departments. Six elective credits may be applied toward the degree, 6 credits for a professional paper, and may include up to 9 credits of undergraduate 300 or 400 level courses. All courses will be determined through consultation between the student and his/her advisory committee and based on the student's subject area needs. A final exam covering completed courses, to be held on the Texas A&M University campus, and professional paper is required.

Up to 12 hours of courses taken in residence at an accredited U.S. institution with a grade of B or greater may be considered for transfer credit if, at the time the courses were completed, the student was in degree-seeking status. Any transfer work is subject to review and approval by the student's graduate advisory committee, department head and the Office of Graduate Studies.

Acceptance into the program will be limited and will require a B.S. or B.A. degree, a 3.0 GPA on the last 60 undergraduate hours, and admission to the graduate program at Texas A&M University. A complete application (including application, fees, all transcripts, GRE scores, statement of career goals, and 3 letters of recommendation) must be received by September 1 for the next Spring semester; by February 1 for the next Summer semester, and by May 1 for the next Fall semester.

### **Program objectives**

Provide working or in-service natural resource professionals with:

- Additional academic training that supplements student's understanding of the full range of considerations in natural resources management.
- A rigorous graduate degree program that supplements job skill requirements
- A program delivery strategy that accommodates on-the-job obligations

### **For More Information**

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