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With more than 1,300 students, the College of Natural Resources is the largest undergraduate natural resource college in North America. With just over 100 graduate students, each has the opportunity to work with an advisor and faculty one to one and every graduate program is tailored to match the goals of the individual.

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MASTER'S INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

GRADUATE SCHOOL OR PEACE CORPS?

DO BOTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT



Nick, MS in Natural Resources '05, transplants native trees at the Educational Plant Nursery at the Charles Darwin Foundation's Environmental Education Center on San Cristobal Island, Galapagos. He led a participatory planning process that involved all 12 Galapagos schools in developing a strategy to implement environmental education as part of their education reform.

PURPOSE

The Master's International Program (MIP) blends advanced training in natural resources with experience in the Peace Corps to prepare resource professionals with foreign language skills, cultural awareness and international perspectives. The program prepares graduates to better understand principles and practices of sustainable development in developing countries. As such, students are well prepared for Peace Corps assignments in various resource fields.

COURSE OF STUDY

Depending on background, qualified candidates for the MIP will attend graduate school for at least one year prior to serving two years in the Peace Corps. If applicants apply to the Peace Corps at least six months prior to beginning their coursework on



Dan, MS in Natural Resources '96, served with the Peace Corps in Benin. He was based in a small village managing a tree nursery and incorporating agroforestry demonstration sites on a pilot farm project. His project for the Master's International program was a practical guide to agroforestry practices in Benin, written in French, which was published.

campus, the host country and assignment should be known three to six months before departure. To complete graduate coursework, at least one semester is required on campus as a returned Peace Corp volunteer.

Required Coursework includes the following:

Non-Thesis Option

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| HEED 789 | Adult Learner (3 cr.) |
| NRES 523 | International Resource Management (3 cr.) |
| NRES 760 | Grant and Proposal Development (1 cr.) |
| NRES 795 | Graduate Seminars (min. 2 cr.) |
| NRES 796 | Independent Study (1-3 cr.) |

Thesis Option

**All of the above listed courses and these two additional:

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| NRES 797 | Research Methods, Design and Analysis (3 cr.) |
| NRES 799 | Thesis (6 cr.) |

The degree earned will be a Master of Science in Natural Resources requiring a minimum of 30 credits with an area of specialty in forestry, wildlife, soil science, water resources, environmental education or resource management. Fifteen of these credits need to be at the 700 level and a maximum of six credits can be granted for Peace Corps Service. Elective courses must be approved by an advisory committee, who will also help MIP students determine their plan of study.

A thesis will be the final requirement for candidates choosing the thesis option, while the non-thesis route may specify one or more projects such as a management plan, scientific journal, seminar, publication or a measurable evaluation demonstrating the candidate's professional growth during their Peace Corps experience.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates for the MIP must meet dual requirements of the Peace Corps and the UWSP CNR graduate program. Applications are submitted to both these institutions at least six months prior to the starting semester. The forms and interview with a Peace Corps recruiter need to emphasize the intent of the candidate to pursue the MIP at UWSP.