Graduate Student Guidebook

Master OF Natural Resources (MNR) Graduate Program

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Graduate education is the acquisition and synthesis of knowledge and tools to enable the student to become an independent thinker and a self-directed professional. Furthermore, graduate education is part of a life-long process that should not end when the degree is earned. Thus, it is particularly important to learn what central and generative questions to ask about one's field, how these questions are approached and solved both in intellectual substance and in methodology, and to synthesize the various perspectives on the problem examined. A graduate education provides understanding of the central materials and concepts of a discipline and forms the basis and framework for critical thinking, reading, writing, analysis and synthesis, and research. Also, graduate education provides practical as well as theoretical understanding of how to function as a professional.

INTRODUCTION

Program Overview

The Master of Natural Resources (MNR) is an interdisciplinary, non-thesis degree focused on natural resource management and administration in the College of Natural Resources (CNR) at the University of Idaho. This unique, professional degree is accessible to students of diverse academic backgrounds and will help graduates develop credentials and skills making them effective natural resource managers.

The MNR graduate degree differs from non-thesis degrees offered by various departments in CNR in that it emphasizes a breadth of knowledge in resource management and administration in contrast to coursework-based graduate programs in particular disciplines in CNR.

The MNR program is coordinated by the MNR faculty, which is comprised of one member from each department in the College of Natural Resources at the University. The MNR faculty reviews and decides on applicants to the program, administers the program, evaluates the final oral comprehensive exam that MNR students take during their final semester. Each student will have a major professor from the MNR faculty; the student and professor will closely work together to design a program and monitor its completion.

Degree Options

This graduate program is available entirely on-line via Internet, in a traditional classroom, or a combination of both. The University of Idaho offers many of the required classes over the Web; some can be taken over the Internet from other universities. A maximum of 12 credits can be transferred into the program from other institutions. At least 18 credits must be taken from the University of Idaho. Students and their major professor design the student's study plan of courses for the MNR graduate program.

The MNR degree requirements also include two credits of case-study preparation (a NR 599-X section will be set up for each student in the semester the student begins to work on the case study project). Students must work with their faculty advisor on the development and completion of the case study. Students are encouraged to come to campus to take the required final oral comprehensive exam, which includes the presentation of the case study project and examination by the MNR faculty. However, students who are located beyond reasonable traveling distance have the option to complete the final comprehensive examination via a video conferencing session. The option is available only if the appropriate facilities are available for the video conferencing session; the final decision on this option will be made by the MNR faculty.

The MNR Guidebook

The MNR guidebook (<u>MyMNR.net</u>) is a supplement the *Graduate Bulletin* issued by the College of Graduate Studies (COGS), and includes general information and regulations concerning graduate studies at the University of Idaho.

Additional information is available at:

<u>Graduate Admissions</u> – Apply online <u>College of Graduate Studies</u> – Admission requirements <u>Student Accounts</u> – Program costs College of Natural Resources Graduate Student Association University of Idaho

THE MNR DEGREE PROGRAM

Students in the MNR graduate program address the issues and problems of sustainable resource use and management of ecosystems. The study plan of courses is comprised of four areas of focus: Policy, Planning and Law, Human Dimensions, Ecology and Management of Natural Resources, Tools and Technology, and a Non-Thesis Research course in which you prepare a case study focused on natural resource issues. The courses for this interdisciplinary degree program integrate theory, field experience, and tools for quantitative and critical analysis of current issues in natural resources. The major topics are examined from local to landscape and regional scales, and integrate the social and biophysical worlds. The MNR program offers breadth as well as focus on applying ecological, social and political understanding to solve problems related to longterm conservation of biological diversity, natural resource administration, and sustainable management of wildland ecosystems. To address global environmental concerns, professionals who understand ecological principles, can analyze and interpret ecological conditions, predict the consequences of alternative natural resource management decisions, and who understand the people and organizations influential in issues and management are required.

The MNR graduate program is unique

The MNR degree program differs from the traditional M.S. and Ph.D. degree programs in CNR in several key aspects. The traditional graduate programs emphasize research and developing depth of knowledge in a focused subject area. In contrast, the MNR graduate program provides breadth across the major disciplines within the area of natural resources. This graduate program is not a research-oriented degree that requires the completion of a thesis (as is the case for the M.S. graduate program). Rather, the MNR graduate program is a terminal professional degree that requires diverse coursework designed for students to acquire advanced knowledge and understanding about natural resource management and administration, similar in concept to an M.B.A. All students in the MNR program take a final oral comprehensive exam focused on a case study in natural resources management; see MyMNR.net for examples of case studies presented by graduates of the MNR program.

In contrast, the M.S. and Ph.D. programs require a thesis, dissertation or professional thesis. The Master of Science (M.S.) programs in the CNR departments include both thesis and non-thesis options. The thesis option requires completion of a thesis (up to 10 of the 30 required credits) that is original research carried out by the student under the supervision of a major professor and graduate advisory committee. The non-thesis option does not require completion of a thesis; however, the completion of an agreed upon project and/or professional paper (normally 3 to 5 credits) is required.

Of particular note, graduate students in the MNR program have the option to design their study plan of course to include emphasis areas on which students can focus while they pursue the broad-based MNR degree program. These course tracks include: Resource Management Communication and Education; Restoration Ecology; and Fire Ecology, Management and Technology Certificate. By taking courses in one of these areas as part of the MNR program's six free electives, as well as other approved courses, students can achieve the MNR program's goal of a broadening graduate experience while also pursuing depth in one of the above areas of emphasis.

Other options for the MNR program include the <u>certificate programs</u> currently available from CNR. The <u>Restoration Ecology Certificate</u> is integrated into the MNR program, whereas the only a portion of the courses for the certificates in <u>Fire Ecology</u>. <u>Management and Technology Certificate</u> can be taken to satisfy the requirements for the MNR program (six credits can be used as electives).

Detailed information on the requirements of the graduate program at the UI is available in the <u>University of Idaho Catalog</u> and on-line at the <u>College of Graduate Studies</u>.

Admission

Minimum admission requirements include an undergraduate degree in a natural resource management, ecology or environmental science discipline (or a closely related field) and a cumulative undergraduate G.P.A. of at least 3.0 on a 4.00 scale. Students who have not completed a B.S. degree in a natural resource discipline will be required to take additional background courses to address particular deficiencies in their education.

Applicants submit to the Graduate Admissions Office:

- Application and associated fee
- Statement of educational objectives (1.5-2 pages)
- Professional vitae or résumé
- Two copies official transcripts sent from each institution attended
- Three letters of reference
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores (University code: 4843; Department code: 0110)

April 15 is the application deadline for fall semester. No deadline has been set for spring semester, but applicants should understand that applications submitted in the late fall may not be considered until after spring semester has begun.

The admission of an applicant is a decision of the entire MNR faculty, and it is based on a consideration of the applicant's full package of materials as submitted to the Graduate Admissions Office.

While no minimum levels of performance (with the exception of a minimum G.P.A. of 2.8) have been established for acceptance into the program, acceptance to the MNR program is competitive and those applicants with low GRE scores and/or recent grades are advised to improve their academic record before submitting their applications. This expectation especially applies to GRE scores. Because GRE scores are an important indicator of success in graduate school, applicants must ensure that their performance scores be at an adequate level for acceptance in any nationally recognized graduate program.

Role of the Graduate Student

Graduate students are expected to perform independent work and to exhibit individual responsibility in planning and conducting their program of study. Students, not the major professor, are responsible for meeting all deadlines and academic requirements and for initiating a process of regular communication with their major professor. Consult the University of Idaho calendar and the Graduate Bulletin, and Course Time Schedule for deadlines and events during the current academic year.

It is important that graduate students maintain a friendly but professional relationship with their respective major professor. The MNR faculty wants students to be productive and successful during the course of their graduate studies and will do their best to help accomplish this. Consult with your major professor if you have questions or problems concerning your program. Also, Ms. Lynaire Banks (208-885-7132), Program Coordinator, can assist graduate students.

Appointment of major professor

You will be assigned a major professor when you enter the MNR program. In keeping with the breadth and inter-disciplinary nature of this program, you will be assigned a major professor with specialties in contrast to your own work experience and educational background. Your major professor assists you with your study plan of courses and your case study. Also, as a member of the MNR faculty, your major professor will be involved with your final oral comprehensive examination.

Registration

Your educational objectives should be well defined and, if possible, you should identify a tentative schedule of courses before you see your major professor. You should work

out a tentative study plan of courses with your major professor. A formal study plan must be approved by your major professor, the MNR director and the Dean's Office, and be submitted to the <u>College of Graduate Studies</u> during the first semester of your graduate program. The College of Graduate Studies administers all graduate programs. Approval for registration, degree, study plan, and petitions must be obtained from your major professor and the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, Morrill Hall, Room 104.

Consult with your major professor to select a schedule of courses for your first semester. You can register on -line at www.uidaho.edu/Registrar. If you have preregistered, you will be notified by mail when you should pay your fees and finalize registration. Consult the time schedule (www.uidaho.edu/Registrar) for the last day to pay registration fees without penalty (students pay a service charge for late registration). The latest information about classes canceled or added and other revised course information appears on the University of Idaho class schedule.

Full-Time Load

A student is considered full-time when registered for at least nine credits of courses, although full registration fees are charged for eight or more credits. Typically, a full-time academic course load for a graduate student who is not a teaching or research assistant is considered to be 12 to 15 credits a semester. Special permission from the Associate Dean of the College of Graduate Studies is necessary to take more than 16 credits.

Registration Requirement

Graduate students who are engaged in any activities that require faculty time or use of equipment or facilities of the University of Idaho during any semester, including summer, must register for the number of credits appropriate to the activity. In general, credits taken should reflect the effort required, even though the minimum credit requirements may have been completed. This requirement applies whether the student is doing the work on or off campus. A student must be registered for at least one graduate credit (of any course) in the semester in which he or she takes the final comprehensive exam.

Required Course Work

The MNR program requires 30 semester credits:

- 28 credits of courses are distributed across four emphasis areas: Policy, Planning and Law, Human Dimensions, Ecology and Management of Natural Resources, and Tools and Technology.
- One Two credits of the course "Non-Thesis Research" (NR 599): This course is
 one in which students prepare for their final exit exam, with the aid of their major
 professor. For details about the exam, which consists of an oral PowerPoint
 presentation of a case study focusing on a topic of the student's choosing (in

consultation with their major professor), see page 10.

Coursework at the 400- or 500-level counts toward the degree; 18 of the 30 credit hours must be in courses numbered 500 or above. Up to 12 of the 30 credits may be earned at one or more other graduate institutions or outside the MNR program. Please review the University of Idaho catalog for details on credit requirements, transfer credits and overall credits.

Deficiency Course Work

The MNR faculty may identify specific deficiency areas for students who have not completed a B.S. degree in a discipline related to natural resources. Students may be required to take courses in deficiency areas as shown below, in addition to the 30 credits required for the MNR degree. The courses shown below are offered on the UI Moscow campus. Comparable courses at other institutions, including Web-based courses, may be substituted for the UI courses with the approval of the MNR faculty. Please consult the University of Idaho time schedule for detailed information on when these courses are offered.

Course title	prerequisites	Course number	Credits		
Plant taxonomy (3 credi					
Systematic Botany	Biol 115 and Biol 116	BIOL 341	3		
Dendrology	Biol 116 or Pl Sci 205	FOR 320	3		
Ecology (3 credits)					
Ecology – Online		REM 221	3		
(see EcologyOnline.net)		FOR 221	3		
or	Biol 115 or Biol 116				
Ecology-on campus					
Ecology and Population	Biol 115 and Biol 116, Math	BIOL 314	4		
Biology	143, 160 or 170,				
	Biol 210 recommended				
Fish or Wildlife Ecology		_			
Wildlife Ecology	For/REM 221 or Biol 314	WLF 314	3		
Fish Ecology	For/ REM 221 or Biol 314	FISH 314	3		
Forest or Rangeland Ma	nagement (2 credits)				
Principles of Range	no prereqs	REM 251	2		
Resources Management					
Wildland Fire					
Management	no prereqs	REM 244	2		
Human Dimensions in Natural Resources (2 cr)					
Society and Natural	no prereqs	FOR 235	3		
Resources					
Statistics (3 credits)					
Principles of Statistics	Math 137, 143, 160, 170 or	STAT	3		
2 yrs HS algebra and perm 251					

MNR Courses from Four Emphasis Areas and Non-Thesis Research

Students must complete a total of 30 semester credits for the MNR degree. Up to 12 semester credits of graduate courses may be transferred from other institutions to the MNR graduate program with the approval of the MNR faculty. A minimum of 18 semester credit hours must be earned from the University of Idaho, and a minimum of two semester credits must be completed as case-study preparation or seminars. Students completing the MNR curriculum on-line are expected to enroll in some form of these courses in their local area; they should consult with their major professor about appropriate short-courses, approved conferences, and the like to meet this requirement.

A study plan should be filed by the student with the College of Graduate Studies by the end of the student's first semester. Although the adviser can help with this process, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that the adequate numbers of required courses and credits are included on the study plan and are completed.

A degree audit based on the student's study plan is provided by the Registrar's Office on-line; it tracks progress towards completing the MNR degree. Again, it is the student's responsibility to check this progress, especially when completing the "Application For Advanced Degree" form required for submission to the College of Graduate Studies the semester before the semester of graduation.

It is the student's responsibility to meet the requirements of the program, to check to ensure the study plan is accurate and is being met, and other monitoring of progress towards completing the degree. Of course, MNR faculty will gladly provide advice and assistance for you.

Course and credit requirements	Credits
Courses in <i>four emphasis areas</i> : Policy, Planning And Law; Human Dimensions; Ecology And Management Of Natural Resources; And Tools And Technology. A minimum of five credits are required in each emphasis area.	20
Additional elective courses in the emphasis areas and/or related areas	8
Non-Thesis Research (NR 599)	2
Total	30

The MNR curriculum with a full list of approved courses for each major program category is available at MyMNR.net (select Current Students). For current information on the scheduling and availability of courses by semester, consult the University of Idaho online Class Schedule and the General Catalog.

Case-study preparation (a minimum of two credits)				
Course title	Course number	Credits		
Non-Thesis Research	NR 599	2 credits		
These credits are given for the student's preparation of a case study for this course, in the form of a PowerPoint presentation to be presented to the MNR faculty; the topic for the case study will be one of the student's choosing (but must be agreed on in consultation with the major professor); this course is to be completed in the student's final semester. See the next section of this Guidebook for details.				

Final Oral Comprehensive Exam Procedures

A final oral comprehensive examination, which focuses on a case study presented by the candidate, is to be scheduled by the student for completion during **either the fall or spring semester**, in consultation with the MNR faculty.

Note: Most faculty are on academic-year appointments, busy with their own projects in the summer, and unavailable for meetings then.

The examination process seeks to conduct a comprehensive examination that meets UI College of Graduate Studies requirements, yet is tailored to the MNR study program and the interests and particular areas of expertise of the student. The final oral comprehensive examination should be completed before the start of final examination week; and the examination must be taken the last semester of MNR coursework. Under extenuating circumstances, and only by an official petition approved by the MNR faculty, the final examination can be scheduled and completed the semester following the completion of coursework. Final examinations cannot be scheduled during any University of Idaho breaks, holidays, or during the summer.

Student should note the following important points and procedures:

 The MNR final oral comprehensive examination is an oral exam based on a casestudy of the student's choosing -- and in consultation with an major professor -- that incorporates knowledge and information obtained from MNR coursework and library research. The presentation is expected to be concise, to the point, and lucid; effective computer-based presentations (e.g., MS PowerPoint) are expected.

Examples of case studies presented by former MNR students can be viewed at: MyMNR.net.

- Re-introducing the natural role of fire to control juniper expansion in the Owyhee Uplands.
- Stream restoration, eradication and hatcheries: Legitimate fisheries management techniques or creation of artificial systems?
- Ecology and management of declining aspen stands in the Intermountain West.
- Demographics of a re-introduced wolf population in Yellowstone National Park.
- Interactive GIS and web-based surveys for eliciting visitor feedback: Implications for resources planning.

2. The final oral comprehensive exam should include components that address each of the four emphasis areas of the MNR program (human dimensions; ecology and resource management; policy, planning and law; and tools and technology).

The exam is intended to involve students in the integration and application of principles learned in the MNR program to a particular case or issue of relevance, and it also should reflect library research on a current natural resource issue that is identified by the student in consultation with the major professor.

Further exploration of an issue or topic initiated as part of a class is acceptable, but research on the case and its analysis must go well beyond the project or paper completed in the class. If you have questions about this, discuss them with the major professor.

The final exam also will include questions posed to the student concerning their case study and the topic in general, as well as questions on related issues.

3. Students are to begin planning and preparing for their presentation early in the semester of their final oral comprehensive examination. Students must register for one to two credits of NR 599 (Non-Thesis Research), for which they will first submit a mini-proposal of their case study for approval by their major professor during the first three weeks of the semester. This mini-proposal (maximum of five pages, including any figures) should: (1) concisely discuss the nature of the problem, (2) list the objectives and approach to be taken for the analysis of the case study, (3) describe the methods and analysis of synthesis to be used, and (4) explain how the case study integrates the major areas of the MNR degree program. In addition to this proposal, the student is expected to complete an outline of their PPT presentation, and submit it to their major professor within the first five weeks of the semester. The student should then work on the presentation with their major professor, and the student must complete and submit a draft presentation to their major professor at least one month before the presentation is scheduled. The student is then to perform a "dry-run" of their presentation with their major professor. and obtain their approval before scheduling the presentation.

NOTE: The presentation *must be approved* by the major professor before an announcement of the final examination is scheduled. It is essential that students adhere strictly to these procedures for their case study, presentation, and preparation for the final examination.

- 4. The MNR student's examination committee consists of a subset of the MNR faculty, as well as any MNR advisors who choose to participate. However, the examination will be publicly announced at least one week in advance, and it is open to any member of the University of Idaho graduate faculty.
- 5. Evaluation of the MNR final examination is on a "pass/fail" basis. The form with criteria the MNR faculty uses for the evaluation is available on the MNR website. The student passes the examination if a majority of the MNR faculty participating in

the final examination vote that the presentation and performance during the final examination (oral questions by the MNR faculty participating in the examination) is a pass which, in graduate evaluations, is a minimum grade of B.

- 6. The presentation and examination can be done via a video-conferencing session, if the appropriate facilities for high-quality video transmission are are available and can be scheduled during a time mutually agreed-upon by the faculty and student. It is the student and the major professor's responsibility to make the arrangements necessary for the video-conferencing session.
- 7. The student is expected to draw on key readings, references, and lectures in support of the points made in the presentation, and to cite them appropriately. This examination is intended to provide a stimulating opportunity for students to demonstrate their mastery of topics in natural resources and how various disciplines with natural resources are integrated and scaled from the local to global levels.

Announcement of Oral Presentation

An announcement of the final oral examination presentation will be sent to all CNR faculty one week prior to the examination. The CNR Dean's Office will prepare distribute the announcements; however, it is the student's responsibility to provide the title of the presentation to Ms. <u>Lynaire Banks</u> (208-885-7132) in a timely manner. While all members of the graduate faculty can participate in the final examination, only the examining MNR faculty votes on the student's performance.

Retaking Final Comprehensive Exams

If the performance of the student on the exam is deemed unacceptable by a majority of the MNR faculty participating in the examination (i.e., a majority vote of "fail"), the student will not graduate. The student has the opportunity to re-take the exam once and successfully complete it to graduate. A student failing the oral exam may retest once during either of the two regularly scheduled testing periods within one year after the initial exam. (See the UI Catalogue for details; re-testing must be completed within one year, and not before three months following the initial exam.)

Approving MNR qualifications

Following completion of all MNR coursework requirements and upon receiving a positive majority vote of the MNR faculty participating in the examination, the MNR chairman and the MNR Faculty will approve the application for degree and forward it to the College of Graduate Studies.

General Sequence of Events for your MNR degree program

Activity	1 st	2 nd		Next to last	Last
Identify and communicate with major professor: Identify deficiency areas; Develop study plan.	*	*			
Submit your completed study plan of courses to the College of Graduate Studies during your first semester.	*				
Register for and take classes and case-study preparation (note add/drop deadlines, etc).	*	*	*	*	*
Take and complete required coursework.	*	*	*	*	*
Contact your major professor and identify potential graduation date. Are you still on track to graduate?				*	
Fill out "Appointment of Major Professor and/or Committee Form" with signatures of adviser and MNR Director. Submit your completed form to the College of Graduate Studies.				*	
File "Application for Advanced Degree" (available on line) to the College of Graduate Studies.				*	
Register for NR 599 (Non-Thesis Research) and prepare for the final oral presentation/exam, beginning early in your final semester: submit your two-page mini-proposal to your graduate advisor for approval. Develop and complete your project presentation. Final approval by your graduate advisor to advance to the presentation and defense examination.					*
Identify time to take final oral presentation/exam – at least three weeks before graduation.					*
Make arrangements with Ms. Lynaire Banks to reserve room and announce oral presentation to college.					*
Successfully complete the oral part of final comprehensive examination (traditionally, the MNR faculty appreciates refreshments).					*
Plan for graduation. Are you going to go through the Ceremony at the Moscow or Boise Campus? Order cap and gown, etc	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		

THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The college consists of three departments

- Department of Conservation Social Sciences | 208-885-7911
- Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources | 208-885-6434
- Department of Forest Ecology & Biogeosciences | 208-885-7952

Each department administers a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree (thesis and non-thesis.) There is one Ph.D. degree in the college, but doctoral students specialize in a wide array of natural resource topics and are required to be accepted by a major professor and be associated with the professor's department. Department heads are responsible for managing departmental affairs. The dean of the college is Dr. Steven Daley Laursen, who is assisted by Associate Dean, Dr. Alton Campbell. The five department heads, the dean, the associate dean, a faculty representative, and two students (one undergraduate and one graduate) constitute the Executive Council, an advisory body to the dean on administrative matters. The Executive Council and other departmental, college, and university committees that have graduate student representatives provide an excellent means for graduate students both to contribute their perspective and to learn how the system works. You are invited to volunteer for such appointments.

The research function of the college is coordinated by the Idaho Forest, Wildlife and Range Experiment Station, housed within the college but created by a separate state law. The Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and the Cooperative Park Studies Unit are joint federal-state-university units, staffed by federal employees who hold faculty appointments. Other research units administered within the College of Natural Resources are the Wilderness Research Center, the Policy Analysis Group, the Inland Empire Tree Improvement Cooperative (IETIC), the Intermountain Forest Tree Nutrition Cooperative (IFTNC), and the offices of Extension Forestry. All of these are components of the Experiment Station.

Facilities/Services in the College

Remote Sensing/GIS Lab, CNR Room 26. Both full and part-time people are available to assist students in classes and projects relying upon software & hardware using spatial data. 885-7408.

Research Herbarium, CNR Room 22. A part-time staff person is available to provide both researchers and the general public with plant information and identification assistance. Over 15,000 mounted plant specimens are available for examination. The Herbarium also has a collection of approximately 10,000 images of plants and habitat types of the Northwest and many other areas of the world.

<u>Multi-media equipment</u>. Slide projectors are available in most classrooms. Additional presentation equipment can be obtained from the <u>Media Center</u> (208-885-6411. For assistance with using multimedia presentation equipment, contact Jory Shelton (Forestry Services, CNR room 22).

Other Research Facilities. The college also has a number of research labs, including a GIS lab, for use by students enrolled in related programs within the college. In addition to on-campus facilities, the college makes use of the 10,300-acre University of Idaho Experimental Forest, located 15 miles from the city of Moscow, and the Forest Research Nursery, located about 3 miles from campus.

<u>Keys</u>. Should you need a key to a room in the CNR building, contact Vanessa Dobbins at <u>vdobbins@uidaho.edu</u>. A \$25 key deposit is required.

<u>Mail</u>. Upon request, each department will provide a mailbox for graduate students. You may use inter-departmental mail envelopes for university business if you need to mail something to someone on campus, or Washington State University. All graduate students are required to have a UI e-mail address. To get an e-mail address, students must take their student ID to the Computer Services Help Desk, room 128 of the TLC Building. Keep your e-mail, phone and mailing address current. This can be readily changed in the student information folder on your University of Idaho account.

Graduate Student Association (GSA). The GSA supports and promotes graduate student education and graduate student life at the University of Idaho. This includes creating programs and assisting graduate students during their transition from student life to professional life (by providing travel grants for professional meetings, for example). The GSA is also committed to providing a collective voice for graduate students to the university and to the state. All graduate students at the University of Idaho are automatically full members of the GSA. Each department has a GSA representative. Regular attendance of GSA meetings by your representative is required in order for GSA grants and other privileges to be available to you.

Other Student Organizations. Student activities in the college are coordinated through the Student Affairs Council, which is composed of officers of student clubs and organizations. Student organizations include: Society of American Foresters Student Chapter, Society for Range Management, Wildlife Society, American Fisheries Society, Forest Products Club, Range Club, Logger Sports Club, and the Society of People and the Environment. Xi Sigma Pi, the honorary forestry fraternity, has an active chapter.

THE UNIVERSITY

Sources of Information

- **Argonaut**, the UI student paper, printed twice a week, is distributed in the college. It offers information on issues affecting students and lists weekly student activities.
- University Register, a weekly publication for the faculty and staff, provides
 information about on-campus events, faculty/staff news, and a weekly calendar of
 events at the university.
- **Focus** is the annual report of the Idaho Forest, Wildlife and Range Experiment Station. It contains research briefs and lists of faculty and their publications and current research projects.
- Bulletin boards in the CNR Building and around campus are another source of information. A bulletin board specifically for graduate students is located on the

second floor by the southeast door (the end of the building with the moose head, not the snag) and in the graduate carrel room.

Medical and Health Information

The University of Idaho Student Health Center provides medical personnel and facilities for student health care. Each regularly enrolled student is eligible to use these facilities during the semester in which he/she has paid the registration fee.

Health and accident insurance is offered at reasonable cost and can be purchased at the time of registration each semester. This insurance provides coverage for the full calendar year (12 months). International students must either purchase optional health and extended accident insurance or document coverage by equivalent insurance as part of their obligation to establish proof of financial responsibility for expenses incurred while attending the university.

Library Resources

The University of Idaho Library contains a collection of books, magazines, documents, maps, newspapers, and other materials, including many from foreign countries. It is organized on a subject division plan according to the classification method of the Library of Congress. The library has several types of study facilities, private study tables, and seminar rooms. Graduate students can <u>request interlibrary loans</u> online at the University of Idaho Library.

Cooperative arrangements have been made between Washington State University (WSU) and the University of Idaho so that materials at the WSU library may also be used by UI students. The Moscow Public Library, located at 110 South Jefferson Street, is also available to all university students.

Computers

Student computer facilities available campus-wide are listed below. To obtain more information about these labs and their hours, contact the <u>Computer Services Help Desk</u> (Administration Room 22, telephone 208-885-2725.

BUILDING	ROOM	BUILDING	ROOM
Administration	10, 221, 225	Library	first floor
Agriculture Science	304	North Campus Center	Graduate Lab
Art & Architecture So.	103	Buchanan	115 (Russell Lab)
College of Natural	Student Reading	Johnson	211A
Resources	Room	Engineering	
Education	202, 203, 502	Student Union Bldg.	Basement
Math/Stat	Assistance Center	Wallace Complex	Basement
Psychology	12 (English Lab)	McClure	206

Student Housing

The university offers on-campus housing for graduate students, both married and single. For married students, the university currently operates several housing units, some of which are unfurnished. Contact the Family Housing Office (885-6571) for more information. There is usually a waiting list for these units, and the selection of tenants is on a "first-come first-served" basis.

For single students, rooms with cooking facilities are available in the Alumni Residence Center and the Graduate Student Housing. Current information on facilities may be obtained from the Director of Housing, Wallace Complex, (208) 885-6571.

Additional housing is available in Moscow and the surrounding area. The ASUI Housing Referral Office is located on the 3rd floor of The Commons. Make arrangements early for off-campus housing for fall semester.

Questions?

Contact your advisor or:

Professor R. Robberecht, Director

MNR Graduate Program: MNR@uidaho.edu

Contact the <u>College of Graduate Studies</u> (208-885-6243) and <u>Graduate Admissions</u> (208-885-4001) for excellent assistance with your program.

PLEASE NOTE: This publication is revised as needed. Academic regulations and other matters may change at any time. Check with the College of Graduate Studies, CNR, and MNR Program for the latest changes.