Combined B.A. or B.S. and M.S. Program in Earth and Environmental Sciences

The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences offers a five-year combined B.A. or B.S. and M.S. program. The department offers an M.S. degree in Earth and Environmental Sciences (in the course catalog, refer to the description of Graduate Programs in EES following the listing of undergraduate course descriptions). Students working toward the B.A. or B.S. degrees who are enrolled in this program complete the full requirements for either degree and apply some 300- and 400-level course credits taken as an undergraduate towards the M.S. degree without additional undergraduate tuition cost. The program is designed for those students who (1) will have at least nine credits of appropriate M.S. course credits in excess of undergraduate requirements completed by the end of the senior year, including one EES graduate core course (EES 411, 415, 426, or 484), (2) have completed a minimum of three credits of EES 393 (Supervised Research) as part of the baccalaureate program, and (3) have demonstrated superior academic achievement.

Application for admission to the program should be made no later than the beginning of the first semester of the senior year and must be approved by the department's Graduate Instruction Committee. The application must include (1) a current baccalaureate degree audit, (2) the proposed M.S. course program, and (3) a letter of recommendation from the proposed M.S. thesis adviser. Students enrolled in this program should make application for admission to full-time graduate status during the first semester of the senior year.

After receiving the bachelor's degree and becoming enrolled in the graduate program students in the dual-degree program become eligible for financial aid including appointment to a teaching or research assistantship or graduate fellowship. Admission to the program does not guarantee financial aid.

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