The Nelson Institute's professional programs offer environmental leadership training in areas of identified and emerging need across our sector, convening people and perspectives from around the world and equipping graduates with the necessary environmental knowledge to tackle their next career challenge. We have two professional master’s programs. Within the Environmental Conservation master of science degree, students can select a named option in either Environmental Conservation ([http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/environmental-studies/environmental-conservation-ms/environmental-conservation-ms/](http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/environmental-studies/environmental-conservation-ms/environmental-conservation-ms/)) or in Environmental Observation & Informatics ([http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/environmental-studies/environmental-conservation-ms/environmental-conservation-observation-informatics-ms/](http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/environmental-studies/environmental-conservation-ms/environmental-conservation-observation-informatics-ms/)).

Upon degree completion, graduates will receive an MS in Environmental Conservation with a named option in one of the above. The curriculum in our professional programs is designed in close consultation with leaders in environmental practice to meet emerging global challenges and demands. We offer our professional master’s in an accelerated, 15-month blended curriculum with on-campus and remote experiences to accommodate working professionals and busy lives. Students are in Madison for the summer and fall semesters — two of the most beautiful seasons in Wisconsin — and then have classes online in spring that can be taken anywhere in the world. The final, fourth semester is spent completing the student’s MS leadership project.

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