HUMAN ECOLOGY: HUMAN ECOLOGY, M.S.

This is a named option in the Human Ecology M.S. (http://
guide.wisc.edu/graduate/human-ecology-school-wide/human-ecology-
ms/)

The Master of Science in Human Ecology offers multi-disciplinary
course work that focuses on current theories and strategies for creating,
managing and evaluating settings that promote human and community
development. Students are exposed to current research and practice
that integrates: (a) the promotion of human and family development
with (b) perspectives on building effective organizations and sustainable
communities. Students create their own “master’s specialization” through
elective courses and the completion of a real-world capstone project.
Specializations are designed so that students can name their expertise to
prospective employees.

This program is intended as a terminal, applied degree. Students
interested in a PhD, MFA or other graduate degrees in the School of
Human Ecology (https://sohe.wisc.edu/graduate-students/) may apply
separately to these programs.

The master’s program is geared toward students who are both new to
the field and those who have had some direct practice, applied research,
educational or advocacy experience. This 32-credit M.S. degree can
be completed in three semesters of full-time study or four or more
semesters if students are part-time. The program prepares students for
careers working in a wide range of settings including:

• Community-based organizations (family support, youth work,
  community organizing, social justice, intervention and prevention
  programs, consumer and financial coaching)
• Intermediary and “backbone” organizations (technical assistance
  providers, philanthropic foundations, applied research and evaluation
  organizations, capacity building providers, community-based
  economic development)
• Government agencies (child and family services, public health,
  legislative support)
• University outreach (Cooperative Extension, community partnerships
  and coalitions, public service, multicultural offices, academic support
  and education)