

MASTER OF PARK AND PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT, PLAN C (M.P.P.M.)

The Master of Park and Protected Area Management (M.P.P.M.) program is offered through CSU Online (<https://www.online.colostate.edu/degrees/mppm-china/>) by the Department of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources (HDNR) in partnership with Central China Normal University (CCNU). It is designed to develop an understanding of theory, research, and practice related to protected areas, and is aimed at preparing students for leadership roles as highly knowledgeable practitioners within the field. Through the integration of social and ecological science, students will gain a holistic understanding of protected area values, services, and governance, as well as the expertise to operationalize those values through effective planning and management of public use, concessions, finance strategies, community collaboration, and human capacity development.

Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Apply for leadership roles within the field of park and protected area management by developing their understanding of related theory, research, and practice.
2. Respond to the global concern with improving protected area management capacity by helping present and future managers develop the skills to make and implement informed decisions based on the integration of social and ecological information.

Requirements Effective Spring 2022

Code	Title	Credits
NRRT 630	Protected Areas and Global Conservation	3
NRRT 631	Protected Area Planning and Management	3
NRRT 632	Public Use and Recreation in Protected Areas	3
NRRT 633	Protected Areas and Resource Management	3
NRRT 634	Protected Area Policy and Finance	3
NRRT 635	Infrastructure Management in Protected Areas	3
NRRT 636	Social Context of Protected Areas	3
NRRT 637	Leadership, Management, and Protected Areas	3
NRRT 638	Protected Area Data and Decision-Making	3
NRRT 639	Threats and Frontiers in Protected Areas	3
NRRT 640	Protected Area Communication	3
Program Total Credits:		33

A minimum of 33 credits are required to complete this program.

Requirements for All Graduate Degrees

For more information, please visit Requirements for All Graduate Degrees (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/graduate-study/procedures-requirements-all-degrees/>) in the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>).

Summary of Procedures for the Master's and Doctoral Degrees

NOTE: Each semester the Graduate School publishes a schedule of deadlines. Deadlines are available on the Graduate School website (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/deadline-dates/>). Students should consult this schedule whenever they approach important steps in their careers.

Forms (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/forms/>) are available online.

Step	Due Date
1. Application for admission (online)	Six months before first registration
2. Diagnostic examination when required	Before first registration
3. Appointment of advisor	Before first registration
4. Selection of graduate committee	Before the time of fourth regular semester registration
5. Filing of program of study (GS Form 6)	Before the time of fourth regular semester registration
6. Preliminary examination (Ph.D. and PD)	Two terms prior to final examination
7. Report of preliminary examination (GS Form 16) - (Ph.D. and PD)	Within two working days after results are known
8. Changes in committee (GS Form 9A)	When change is made
9. Application for Graduation (GS Form 25)	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website
9a. Reapplication for Graduation (online)	Failure to graduate requires Reapplication for Graduation (online) for the next time term for which you are applying
10. Submit thesis or dissertation to committee	At least two weeks prior to the examination or at the discretion of the graduate committee
11. Final examination	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website
12. Report of final examination (GS Form 24)	Within two working days after results are known; refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website
13. Submit a signed Thesis/ Dissertation Submission Form (GS Form 30) to the Graduate School and Submit the Survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. only) prior to submitting the electronic thesis/ dissertation	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website.

14. Submit the thesis/dissertation electronically	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website
15. Graduation	Ceremony information is available from the Graduate School website