

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (draft May 13, 2020)

INTRODUCTION

1. Students who have completed a course of study of at least three years at Willamette University and maintained a 3.0 or higher GPA will, upon application, be considered for conditional admission to an OSU MF program in Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) or Forest Ecosystems and Society (FES). Students must declare their intention to pursue this 3+2 pathway by the beginning of their 3rd year at Willamette University and then must formally apply to OSU according to Graduate School admission deadlines.
2. Students conditionally admitted to this 3+2 MF program will complete the remaining requirements for their undergraduate degree from Willamette University within their first year of study at OSU, and upon application for graduation, Willamette University will award the student the appropriate bachelor's degree. Any courses to be counted toward the MF graduate program at OSU must be graded C or higher and the student must maintain a ≥ 3.0 GPA on all work completed at OSU to remain in the MF program. Students not meeting the above criteria must develop a plan for success with their OSU graduate advisor and program director or have their program terminated.
3. The MF program requires at least 45 graduate credits with no more than 50% of the credits completed as slash courses (4xx/5xx). Up to 12 credits of OSU undergraduate coursework may be counted toward the MF degree. Upon completion of the approved graduate program of study with a minimum 3.0 graduate GPA and passing their final examination, OSU will award the degree of MF.
4. Once the student has been granted unconditional graduate student status, the student is eligible for graduate assistantships and/or scholarships at OSU.
5. Students participating in this 3+2 MF program will be subject to the OSU graduate student fee schedule during their time at OSU.

APPLICATION

1. Students interested in this 3+2 program must coordinate with the Willamette University lead advisor for this program to initiate contact with the OSU graduate coordinator for the desired MF program. Students must declare that they will pursue this 3+2 pathway by the beginning of their 3rd year at Willamette University and then must formally apply to OSU according to Graduate School admission deadlines. The OSU coordinator will identify faculty in the student's area of interest and facilitate OSU faculty communication.
2. Students wanting to apply to this 3+2 MF program must apply to the OSU Graduate School using the online Graduate School application form. One of the mandatory three letters of

recommendation must be a letter from the lead advisor for this 3+2 program at Willamette University.

3. Student applications will be reviewed by the graduate faculty of the respective SFM or FES graduate MF programs for admission consideration.
4. Upon positive feedback from the respective graduate faculty, a graduate advisor will be identified and a recommendation regarding admission will be made to the respective department head and/or director of the department's graduate program.
5. The responsible department head and/or director of the department's graduate program will make the decision to admit the student.
6. Upon recommendation of the department head and/or director of the department's graduate program, the OSU Graduate School will make the final admission decision.

STUDENT ADVISING

1. The graduate faculty advisor will work with the student in their 3rd year to develop a draft program of study including relevant preparatory undergraduate work in consultation with the lead advisor for this program at Willamette University prior to the start of the first term of classes at OSU. Examples might include calculus, forest surveying, forest mensuration, forest economics, silviculture principles, harvesting operations, soil science with forest soils laboratory, forest watershed management, basic biology and/or ecology courses, introductory statistics courses, and relevant social science courses. Specific courses will depend on the particular field of study the student wants to focus on in their MF program. Courses do not have to be College of Forestry courses.
2. While on conditional status, the graduate faculty advisor must document student progress at the end of each term with a student/advisor meeting along with a short status report to the lead advisor at Willamette University and to the Graduate Coordinator of the respective MF program at OSU.
3. Students not achieving a C or higher in required preparatory courses and at least a 3.0 in their OSU GPA must develop a plan for success with their OSU graduate advisor and program director or have their program terminated.

TIMELINE

Here is one example of the timeline based on the most common start time at OSU (fall term). Students, however, may wish to start their time at OSU in either winter or spring terms, so the terms would shift accordingly.

TERM	TIMELINE REQUIREMENT
Fall Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student meets with Willamette Lead Advisor • Willamette Lead Advisor contacts OSU Graduate Coordinator • OSU Graduate Coordinator arranges for student visit with OSU faculty • Student applies to OSU Graduate School
Winter/Spring Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student develops draft program of study with Willamette Lead Advisor and OSU Faculty Advisor
Fall Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student starts at OSU on conditional graduate status
Spring Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student alerts Willamette Lead Advisor that undergraduate work is complete • OSU confirms to Willamette Lead Advisor that coursework has been completed • Willamette University grants undergraduate degree • Student petitions for regular graduate student status • Students forms graduate committee with OSU Faculty Advisor guidance
Fall Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student completes Program of Study form
Winter Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student submits Program of Study form to Graduate School
Spring Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student completes graduate classes, including non-thesis project, and passes final examination • OSU grants Master of Forestry degree