With accreditation from the Society of American Foresters, and an unparalleled history for forestry research and education, the Master of Forestry (MF) program gives students the knowledge and skills to become innovators and leaders in the field of forestry management and finance.

VISION
We train foresters to be leaders at the forefront of forest management, with a skillset grounded in practical fieldwork, augmented by cutting-edge tools for geospatial analysis, multi-resource assessment, and finance.

CURRICULUM
You will customize your core training in the science, resource management, policy and administration, and professional ethics of forests to best match your career goals. With your advisor, you will select courses with the right mix of core knowledge and skills for your area of specialization.

YOUR FUTURE
Students graduating with the MF degree work in a variety of sectors: private/industrial forestry, state and federal agencies, nonprofits such as land trusts that steward working forests, and in private consulting. Joint-degree students who complement the MF with a MEM degree are especially competitive in the job market.
“Forests are no longer strictly a source of commodity products to be manufactured into something else, but also a source of potential wind power, conservation easements and ecosystem services like carbon sequestration and clean water. There is certainly a demand in all areas of the forest industry for people with that mindset and skillset, who understand the underlying investment motivations.”

President and CEO of Wagner

“Hardwoods grow in complex ecosystems. Ninety percent of our portfolio is natural hardwood forests, which provide a variety of species, quality and products that range from industrial products like railway ties to high-end furniture, millwork and flooring. We found these hardwood forests, which are mostly in the East, to be a bit more neglected and complex, with some mispricing opportunities that offered intriguing investment options.”

CEO at The Forestland Group LLC

Duke University was far and away the best university I attended. I loved my time at Duke Forestry School. Being the “inventor” of the dual MF/MEM degree (in concert with Dan Richter) is a significant (and unrecognized) legacy. My best friends, to this day, remain my colleagues from my days at Duke. ...and the basketball component has been fantastic - always.

Acting Fire Staff Officer

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