ONE-YEAR MIDCAREER MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAM

The midcareer M.F. (Master of Forestry), which is not accepting applicants at this time, is a degree program intended to permit forest managers to build on their work experience in order to acquire skills that will enable them to pursue their career goals more effectively. To this end, those admitted into the program must have at least seven years of directly relevant professional experience in forestry that is sufficient to provide a corpus of experiential learning equivalent to one year of academic study at YSE. Applicants must detail their career work experience so that the admissions committee may fairly judge each applicant’s work record in light of this requirement. Relevant work experience is not the sole criterion for admission into this degree program; the breadth of prior academic training is also considered, and those applicants who are better prepared (see Preparation for Admission, in the chapter Admissions: Master’s Degree Programs) are more likely to succeed in this competitive admission process.

The midcareer degree program is not appropriate for those seeking to make an abrupt career change, nor is it suitable for those who have acquired seven or more years of work experience that is tangentially related to forest management. Normally, voluntary service will not be considered equivalent to career experience needed for acceptance into this degree program.

The curricula for the one-year midcareer Master of Forestry degree program is less structured than the curricula for the two-year programs. Attendance at the Training Modules (see Training Modules in Technical Skills, above) is expected, and the successful completion of 30 credits of course work and independent study is required. One academic year in residence is normally expected, as is initial enrollment at the start of the fall term.