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For information about Yale College course offerings related to the environment, see Environmental Studies.

The five-year B.A. or B.S./M.E.M. or M.E.Sc. degree program The B.A.–B.S./M.E.M. or M.E.Sc. degree program offers Yale College students the opportunity to earn a bachelor’s degree from Yale College and an M.E.M. or M.E.Sc. degree from the Yale School of Environment (YSE) in five years.

Undergraduate requirements During four years of Yale College enrollment, students complete any standard major. Four of the thirty-six course credits required for the bachelor’s degree are typically taken at YSE in partial fulfillment of their M.E.M. or M.E.Sc. degree requirements, but no more than four course credits earned in a professional school may be applied toward the bachelor’s degree. Students typically take an additional four upper-level Yale College courses that are substantially equivalent to YSE courses. It is highly recommended that applicants complete undergraduate coursework in the following areas: ecology or ecosystems, physical sciences, social sciences, and microeconomics.

Master’s program requirements Many of the requirements for students seeking a five-year M.E.M. graduate degree are the same as those for all M.E.M. students. These include attendance at the Summer Training Modules (MODS); enrollment in the fall “Perspectives” course for all first-year M.E.M. students; satisfying the requirements of all Foundational Knowledge courses, and an approved capstone course. Students admitted to the five-year program during their senior year are encouraged to take a gap year before attending YSE. Gap year plans must be communicated to the YSE Admissions Office.

The M.E.Sc. degree is intended to provide students with a deeper disciplinary focus than the M.E.M. All students pursuing a M.E.Sc. degree must have an advisor in place before applying to the five-year joint degree program. The YSE faculty advisor must provide a letter as part of the student’s application stating their agreement to become the prospective student’s YSE advisor. The specific plan to meet the requirements of the M.E.Sc. are to be worked out with a student’s advisor.

Admission requirements Students apply to the B.A.–B.S./M.E.M. and M.E.Sc. program in the fall term of the senior year or in the two years immediately following graduation. Applications are submitted through the Yale School of the Environment’s application system. Questions about admissions should be directed to the YSE Office of Admissions at admissions.ysc@yale.edu. Further information about the program may be viewed on the YSE website.