Most Frequently Asked Questions from Prospective Students

Q. What is the GRE code for HSU?
   A. The general GRE code for HSU is 4345.

Q. Should I take the general GRE or the subject specific exam?
   A. Applicants to the Natural Resources Graduate Program take the general GRE exam.

Q. What is the minimum GRE score requirement to be considered for the Natural Resources Graduate Program?
   A. A minimum combined score of 1000 on Quantitative and Verbal GRE’s.

Q. What is the GPA admission requirement for the Natural Resources Graduate Program?
   A. A minimum GPA of 3.00 on the last 60 units of undergraduate work. Applicants not meeting these minimum standards may be considered, by petition, if they have an exceptionally high GPA (but below minimum GRE), or exceptionally high GRE (but below minimum GPA) and extensive professional experience. Successful applicants typically have substantially better GRE scores and GPA’s.

Q. What is the word limit on the statement provided in the online application?
   A. The online application limits you to 500 words or less.

Q. Why do I need to provide an additional statement of intent for my graduate application?
   A. Providing a separate statement of purpose as part of your application package allows you to elaborate and share personal and professional information that faculty may find helpful during the selection process.

Q. Is there a form or a specific format I need to use for letters of recommendation?
   A. A recommendation format is not required, but we do have new recommendation form that you may find helpful. The new form is located on the Natural Resources Graduate Program website.

Q. If I am not accepted into the program, may I reapply for the following term?
   A. There are a host of reasons as to why a student may not be accepted into one of our program options; therefore, we encourage students to speak with the department chair or a representative of the desired program. There may be steps a student can take to improve their chances of being accepted into the program in the future.

Q. How long does your office keep graduate application materials?
   A. We keep all applicant materials one full year from the date they were received. Please contact the Graduate Secretary directly if you wish to have your applicant file held form more than one year.