Master of Science in Resilient & Sustainable Communities (MRSC)

Green Mountain College’s online Master of Science degree in Resilient and Sustainable Communities (MRSC) is the first program of its kind in the nation and uses GMC’s groundbreaking bioregional approach to prepare students to meet current and coming challenges in their own communities.

This program adopts GMC’s groundbreaking bioregional approach to distance learning, in which students apply what they learn in each course to their local communities.

MRSC students learn about land-use planning, economic development, energy production, food systems, and resource management, while developing skills in leadership, group organization and conflict resolution. This is the degree of choice for students interested in impacting their local communities and government.

“You can’t change the way we eat food without policy change—and you can’t create new systems without understanding the whole picture. There really wasn’t anything that existed that was interdisciplinary in approach. The MRSC program brings different perspectives from all walks of life.”

Gavin Whittle, Senior Manager of Operations for FreshDirect

The MRSC program requires 39 Green Mountain College credit hours.

Core courses include:
• A Bioregional Approach to Communities
• Sustainable Economic Development
• Theories of Sustainability and Resilience
• Social Justice and Community Mobilization

Students culminate the MRSC program by choosing one of the following options:
• Thesis
• Capstone Portfolio
• Applied Professional Project

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Become a Master of Sustainability

When you earn an advanced degree from Green Mountain College (GMC), you graduate from a nationally renowned sustainability institution and join a wide network of accomplished colleagues. GMC’s four distance programs are fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC) and were the first of their kind in the nation. They are designed to help working professionals develop expertise, then put it to work in their own communities and organizations.

THE GMC ADVANTAGE

**Award-Winning Curriculum**
Consistently recognized as the #1 sustainability-based curriculum in the nation, our recent accolades include ranking as the #1 college and curriculum by the Association for Advancement of Sustainability and Sierra magazine.

**World-Class Faculty**
Leaders in their field and highly experienced in online teaching, GMC faculty provide individualized student feedback and support in every course.

**Personalized Approach**
- Courses are designed to deepen your connection to your own bioregion, organization, and community.
- Classes are capped at 20 students to allow for a high level of instructor interaction and peer learning.
- Complete your work at your own pace, on your own time. Students engage with their professors and classmates virtually, at times that best suit their own schedules.

**Affordability**
GMC’s cost per credit is one of the most affordable among comparable online graduate programs.

**Graduate Success**
The emphasis on practical application of knowledge prepares students for professional work, whether they are just launching a career or looking for growth in an established position.

“*The program has really sharpened a lot of my skills, and added a whole lot of new tools that enable me to accomplish my goal of changing the world. I feel empowered by this program.*”

Erin Willett, MRSC Graduate and International Sustainability Consultant

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