Master of Science in Environmental Studies (MSES)

The Green Mountain College MSES program is one of the only MSES programs designed for distance learning, and is offered by a college that has been focused on environmental issues and sustainability for two decades.

With our bioregional approach to distance education, students in each of our courses use their local ecosystems as laboratories in which to experiment with new concepts and skills.

Students choose between three concentrations—conservation biology, writing and communication, and self-design—and graduate as experts in the workings of their own bioregions.

This is the degree of choice for those interested in the fields of natural resource management, government, and environmental advocacy.

“I didn’t want to write a strictly academic thesis that just sat on a shelf—I wanted to create something that would have a direct and tangible result, especially because I was doing work that was really needed.”

Rich Telford MSES ’14, English teacher at Woodstock Academy in Woodstock, CT

The MSES program requires 36 Green Mountain College credit hours.

Core courses include:
- Bioregional Theory & Practice
- Environmental History & Philosophy
- Natural Systems Ecology
- Environmental Law & Policy
- Leadership & Organizational Transformation

Students culminate the MSES by choosing among three options:
- Thesis
- Capstone Portfolio
- Applied Professional Project

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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 favorite thing for me about the GMC program is the bioregional approach. I did my thesis work in the area where I grew up, but the project gave me a whole new understanding of the place I’d called home for 26 years.”

Shannon Westlake MSES ’16

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