PlusOne Programs

Master’s Degree Programs for Northeastern Undergraduates

The PlusOne program allows students the opportunity to pursue both a bachelor’s and master’s degree successively in a condensed period of time.

For students pursuing a PlusOne degree, several courses/credits of undergraduate work are replaced by graduate coursework, thus permitting the completion of an undergraduate degree, as well as a full master’s degree, in a shorter period of time than would be possible if students pursued each degree separately through the traditional route. In most programs, with appropriate academic progress, students receive the master’s degree one year after completing the undergraduate degree.

Depending on the program, students have the opportunity to do additional co-ops, work on an independent research project, and participate in other experiential learning opportunities. These experiences sharpen their critical thinking and analysis skills, while providing additional professional experience, making them more competitive upon entering the workforce.

When to Apply
Students should apply to enter the PlusOne program no earlier than their fifth academic semester and at least two semesters before expecting to earn the Bachelor of Science Degree.

Application Deadlines:
Fall – August 15
Spring – December 1

Graduate Student Services
COSGradAdmissions@northeastern.edu
617-373-4275

Note: Any financial aid a student may have received from the university while an undergraduate will not continue once the student obtains graduate status. PlusOne students are not eligible for the Double Husky Scholarship
MS Environmental Science and Policy

Eligibility and Admission
Students must be pursuing one of the following undergraduate degrees:
- BS Environmental Studies
- BS Environmental Science
- BS Marine Biology
- BS Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- CSSH majors

A minimum cumulative 3.000 GPA is required

Application Process
See Northeastern's College of Science website for more information and details on how to apply: https://cos.northeastern.edu/admissions/graduate-programs/plusone-accelerated/

Curriculum Requirements
A maximum of 16 graduate credits completed as an undergraduate can be used toward the Master of Science degree.

Required courses to complete as an undergraduate student
- PPUA 6101 Environmental Science & Policy Seminar 1 (4SH)
- ENVR 6102 Environmental Science & Policy Seminar 2 (4 SH)
- Choose one:
  - ENVR 5210 Environmental Planning (4 SH)
  - ENVR 5220 Ecosystem-Based Management (4 SH)
  - ENVR 5450 Applied Socio-Ecological Systems Modeling (4 SH)
- Choose one:
  - PPUA 5260 Ecological Economics (4 SH)
  - PPUA 5264 Energy Transitions and Climate Resilience: Technology, Policy, and Social Change (4 SH)
  - PPUA 5268 International Environmental Policy (4 SH)

Required courses to complete as a graduate student
- One 4-credit College of Science skills course
- One 4-credit College of Social Science and Humanities skills course
- Three 4-credit elective courses from COS or CSSH approved electives lists