

# ***Forestry and Environmental Management***

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The Nichols School of The Environment and Earth Services at Duke University 3-2 cooperative program is a highly-competitive alternative available to Saint Francis University environmental concentration students. The program is designed to save the qualified student time and money, and to enable the student to proceed on to more specialized study following the junior year. While Saint Francis students are eligible to apply for admission to Duke after three years of study, there is no guarantee of admission to Duke.

Students interested in admission to Duke should complete their applications by February 1 of their junior year. The application includes an application form, letters of recommendation, transcripts, GRE scores, financial aid forms, an application fee, and a statement from Saint Francis releasing the students from their senior year at Saint Francis University. The acceptance rate to The Nichols School of The Environment and Earth Sciences varies from program to program. The average Q.P.A. of accepted applicants is 3.4. They recommend GRE scores above the following: 600 verbal, 650 quantitative, and 5.5 in analytical writing.

After one year of graduate work, students in the 3-2 program will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Saint Francis University, assuming the students have followed the undergraduate course of study. Students are then accepted into one of two professional Master degree programs: Master of Forestry or Master of Environmental Management. Students choose a program of study in one of the following areas: (1) Coastal Environmental Management, (2) Environmental Economics and Policy, (3) Environmental Health and Security, (4) Forest Resource Management, (5) Global Environmental Change, (6) Conservation Science and Policy, (7) Ecosystem Science and Management, and (8) Water and Air Resources. Please note that these are professional degrees, not Masters of Science or Doctoral degrees.

Other Saint Francis students may prefer to complete the baccalaureate degree before undertaking graduate study at Duke. The master's degree requirements for these graduates are the same as those for students entering Duke after three years.

By means of these programs, Saint Francis University and Duke University join in cooperation to the advantage of both institutions and of the students involved. The entire program provides a unique combination of liberal and professional education well suited for those desiring to enter the field of natural resources and the environment.