Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources

Top 4 Things Prospective Students (and Their Families) Should Know About Your College:

1. **Focus on experiential learning** – including internships, service learning, research, field work, and international study (see below!)
2. We have an **interdisciplinary problem-solving approach** to the environment. Our focus is on integrating natural and social science perspectives to give students the knowledge, skills and values to become innovative, environmentally responsible leaders and professionals.
3. **Smallest school/college at UVM** (about 600 undergrads and 100 grad students) makes for a small, close-knit community of faculty and students.
4. **Our home is our living laboratory** -- Our own LEED-certified Aiken Center houses an Eco-machine, a green roof, and energy monitoring systems that provide valuable research data. The Rubenstein School also has the responsibility of leadership in the identification, protection, and management of ten important natural areas on University-owned land. From the summit of Mount Mansfield to the over 1000 acres along the shoreline of Shelburne Pond, these natural areas provide outstanding resources for teaching and research.

What Is New For The Coming Year?

- New **Sports Management minor**, available to students across UVM in the 2016 catalog, is for students who aspire to pursue the management of sporting endeavors, including entrepreneurial sports ventures, professional, amateur, interscholastic, intercollegiate, community recreation, and youth sport organizations.
- Second year of the **3+2 Program with Vermont Law School**. Students in the Natural Resources Planning and Environmental Studies major can apply—3 years of study at UVM and 2 years at VLS result in B.S. and J.D. degrees.

Experiential Learning Opportunities:

- **One of the few** School/Colleges at UVM with a full-time Career Counselor and Internship Coordinator housed in the Dean’s Office and connected to the UVM Career Center.
- **Most RSENRR students** participate in internships, research, and/or study abroad experiences.
- Our **Perennial Summer Internship Program** offers 12-week paid internships for RSENRR students—in summer 2016 there were **30 internships** available!
- Abundant opportunities for **research** with faculty and graduate students, and internships with environmental professionals.
ALL RSENR students take Service-Learning courses—the first and last courses in our Core Curriculum are SL. And there is a wide range of other SL courses in all of our majors.

Vermont is an ideal outdoor laboratory with *field-work opportunities* in the mountains, the forests, in our urban and rural landscapes and on Lake Champlain using our **45-foot research vessel, the Melosira**. Vermont also has a very accessible local and state government structure to learn about and participate in policy issues

What Makes Your Program Unique Compared To Peer Institutions?
- Small community with access to the larger UVM community
- Strong focus on hands-on/experiential learning
- Integration of natural and social sciences to solve environmental problems
- Commitment to social and ecological diversity
- LEED Platinum Certified Aiken Center

What is your college doing to further the first year experience for new students?
- First year students work with a first year advisor who they meet with every week as their instructor in NR 6, Race and Culture in Natural Resources
- RSENR first year students take at least 3 classes together during the first year, creating a small, supportive community

Our Graduates Have Gone On To...
- Graduate school at places such as: Yale School of Forestry, Cornell University, and the University of Colorado.
- Become the first women to head the U.S. Forest Service (Gail Kimbell) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Mollie Beattie).
- Become the youngest female state legislator in the country (Kesha Ram).
- Work as a Wildlife Biologist with lions, leopards, hyenas and wild dogs with the Zambian Carnivore Project.
- Work as teachers at every level from elementary to the university professor, including informal outdoor and environmental education.
- Hold government positions with the Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and U.S. Forest Service, as well as numerous state and local agencies.
- Work on environmental planning and policy issues as lawyers, planners and project managers.
- Work as researchers and environmental consultants.
- Work as foresters, farmers, arborists and landscape designers.
- Work in the for-profit sector, for example, in renewable energies
- Jobs in the medical profession (doctors, nurses), thinking about the link between environment and human health.
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!

Search for “Rubenstein School” on LinkedIn to find dozens of examples of jobs, such as:
- Community Engagement and Partnerships Coordinator, National Park Service
- Community Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator, Riverkeeper
- Wetland Treatment Research Assistant, Floating Island International
- Social Media and Events Coordinator, The Sustainability NEXUS
- GIS Specialist, Civil Solutions