

## Biology/Environmental Science Dual Degree Program Guide

### **APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO UMES**

This application is due before you are enrolled in courses at UMES. Typically, you will fill this out when you come for advising in the spring (or whichever semester you first register there). There is no admission fee. Forms are returned to Dr. Stribling for delivery to UMES. If you have taken any coursework at another institution besides SU, YOU MUST PROVIDE UMES WITH AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THIS WORK. SU cannot forward other transcripts. Your SU transcript will be sent there for you (no request necessary). You will also need to have any AP credit test scores you will be using for courses here send to UMES in addition to providing them to SU.

### **ORIENTATION**

An orientation to UMES will be held in the spring, soon after the advising period. Be looking for an e-mail about this: we will travel to UMES on a bus and tour the campus, meet the faculty, and learn the “ropes” there. Current Dual Degree students will be our guides.

### **REGISTERING FOR COURSES AT UMES**

This cannot be done on GullNet. Instead, you will fill out an Intercampus Enrollment (co-op) form, available from your advisor. Please give the golden colored copy to your advisor to keep in your folder, and deliver the completed form to Dr. Stribling.

There is no tuition charge for UMES courses, but a \$25 lab fee will be billed to you once you begin the class. If you receive ANY other bills besides the lab fees and the diploma fee (see below), please notify Dr. Stribling. Also, forms such as a health assessment, etc., do not apply to you and can be ignored. When in doubt, you can ask Dr. Stribling.

### **GRADES FOR UMES COURSES, UMES ON-LINE ACCESS, BOOKS**

UMES has a version of GullNet called HawkNet, and you will need a computer account to access that and their version of MyClasses as well. At orientation you will learn where to go to set this up. You will then be able to view your grades before they are sent here (which usually takes several weeks). Please note that your GullNet account will show only the designation GENL 449-001 or similar and the appropriate total of credit hours to hold the place for the UMES courses, which will come in as transfer courses when the grade is posted. Textbook information is usually available on the UMES bookstore website:

<http://www.bkstr.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/StoreCatalogDisplay?catalogId=10001&langId=-1&demoKey=d&storeId=10192>

### **DUAL DEGREE COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND REGISTRATION**

Your **checklist** will be your roadmap to the program. Please study it carefully and understand the requirements. When registering, check your schedule carefully for **conflicts** between UMES and SU courses. GullNet screens for conflicts among SU courses, but we have no way of computer-checking between the 2 campuses, so it's incumbent on you to plan carefully and not be caught at the end needing an additional course to graduate.

You will be given **priority registration** for any semester in which you are enrolled in UMES courses, but you must let Dr. Stribling know before pre-registration! With priority registration, you should sign up for an advising appointment in the first week of advising. Look for an e-mail about this. Remember that if you aren't taking UMES courses, your registration date will be determined by the number of credits you have taken.

Schedule: Dr. Stribling will send out the UMES **course schedule** by e-mail to DD students before advising. Please note: most of the courses have the lecture and lab as separate courses; you will register for them separately and each is assigned a separate grade. So, for example, if you received a D in the lab but a B in the lecture, you would only have to re-take the lab.

Freshman year: You should take BIOL 210 and 212 and Chemistry 121 and 122. You must have a C or better in each of these 4 courses to begin taking courses at UMES, and to graduate in the program. You must also have a C or better in Chemistry 121 to take Chemistry 122.

Sophomore year: Begin with the UMES courses, taking Oceanography and Marine Botany in fall and Principles of Env. Sci. and Marine Zool. in the spring.

Prerequisites: BIOL 212 should be taken at SU in the spring of the freshman year before taking Marine Botany at UMES, and BIOL 213 should be taken at SU in the fall of the sophomore year before taking Marine Zoology at UMES.

Please note that Organic Chemistry is a prerequisite for Marine Ecotoxicology.

The Environmental Electives are designed to give you a look at the offerings in other disciplines (including Biology) that are environmental. Please pay close attention to the prerequisites for these courses. Geography 319 requires 219 as prerequisite, etc. GEOG 311 requires GEOL 103 or GEOG 104 or 105, and GEOG 411 requires GEOL 103 (219 will not count). However, ENVS 460 at UMES can be used as a substitute prerequisite for GEOG 311. Also note that many of the GEOG options are offered ONLY in the fall.

### **GRADUATION**

It is your responsibility to meet all SU and Biology Dept. graduation requirements, including 30 credits of 3-400 level courses with a C or better (20 of these credits must be in Biology).

As with SU, you will need to fill out a UMES **application for graduation**. Your major there is Environmental Science. Dr. Stribling will have these forms and will e-mail you when they are ready for you. Please return your completed form to her.

You will be required to obtain signatures on a UMES clearance form from Student Accounts, Univ. Police, and the Library at the end of the semester in which you graduate.

\*\*\*Double-check that all external **transcripts** have been sent to UMES. \*\*\*

If you do not plan on attending the UMES ceremony, you must fill out an absentia form. These are available from Dr. Stribling.

By mid-May or mid-December (depending on semester of graduation), you must submit a \$35 commencement fee to the UMES Office of Student Accounts. Because of delays in grade postings, etc., it may be a few months before you receive the UMES diploma in the mail. If you do not receive it in that length of time, please contact Dr. Stribling.