Admission

REQUIREMENTS

Admission into the Watershed Science program requires:

- an undergraduate degree in biology, chemistry, geosciences, mathematics, physics or a closely related field
- a 3.0 or higher undergraduate GPA
- a composite GRE score of at least 1,000.

Applications can be found online at: www.murraystate.edu/admissions/applyonline.aspx.
Master's Degree in Watershed Science

The Master’s Degree in Watershed Science is an interdisciplinary program in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology designed to prepare students for careers or further postgraduate studies in the broader aspects of watershed management and science including:

- Aquatic Ecology
- Environmental Chemistry
- Hydrological Spatial Analysis
- Watershed Conservation

Both thesis and non-thesis tracks are available.

Develop your career with WSI

Established in 1987 by the Kentucky Council on Higher Education, for over 20 years the Watershed Studies Institute at Murray State University has focused on research of watershed ecosystems and education of the next generation of watershed scientists.

WSI sponsors three research centers that comprise the support base for research and education at the Institute:

- **Chemical Services Laboratory (CSL)**
  At CSL students receive hands-on laboratory training in environmental and analytical chemistry.

- **Hancock Biological Station (HBS)**
  Located a few miles from MSU’s campus on Kentucky Lake, HBS offers a variety of field research opportunities for students.

- **Mid-America Remote sensing Center (MARC)**
  MARC is western Kentucky’s premier remote sensing and geographic information Systems facility where students learn new and emerging remote sensing and GIS skills.

Each facility supports an important aspect of watershed research, such as GIS at MARC, analytical and environmental chemistry at CSL, or freshwater field biology at HBS, and can be utilized by undergraduate and graduate researchers, as well as research associates and visiting scientists.

Besides regional studies in western Kentucky and Tennessee, WSI faculty and students conduct research throughout the globe including field sites in Alaska, Colorado, the Caribbean, Mexico and China.

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