

Rubenstein School Pre-Advising Overview Session

Welcome!

We'll get started soon.

Our Facilities

- The George D. Aiken Center, UVM's first Net Zero building
- Rubenstein Ecosystem Science Lab
- Hybrid-electric, ADA-compliant catamaran Research Vessel Marcelle Melosira
- Forestry Sciences Lab on Spear Street
- 4 Research Forests throughout Vermont
- Access to 10 UVM Natural Areas



Curriculum Overview

UNIVERSITY CATAMOUNT
CORE CURRICULUM

RUBENSTEIN SCHOOL
CORE CURRICULUM

PROGRAM SPECIFIC
LEARNING OUTCOMES

Rubenstein School Core Curriculum

Capstone

Integrating
Science,
Society
& Policy

Environmental
Problem Solving

Capacity
Building

Ecology,
Ecosystems &
the
Environment

Social
Processes
& the
Environment

Exposure

Critical
Reflection
& Dialogue

Race & Culture
in
Natural
Resources

Natural History
&
Human Ecology

VT: Natural
History
& Human
Ecology

Integrative
Learning

Problem
Solving

Teamwork

Communication

Inquiry &
Analysis

Working
Across
Differences

Social Processes
& Systems

Planning &
Management

Learning Outcomes

Ecological
Processes &
Systems

Sustainability



CATAMOUNT CORE CURRICULUM

CATAMOUNT CORE is made up of 42 credits in courses distributed across three main areas:

- Liberal Arts (21 credits)
- Core Skills (9 credits)
- Common Ground Values (12 credits)

Students will be able to take courses that fulfill more than one category, but they must still take at least 40 unique credits of courses that have been approved to fulfill CATAMOUNT CORE CURRICULUM requirements.

LIBERAL ARTS

21 CREDITS

AH ARTS & HUMANITIES
6 CREDITS FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING

AH1: Arts
AH2: Literature
AH3: Humanities

S1 SOCIAL SCIENCES
6 CREDITS

N NATURAL SCIENCES
6 CREDITS FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING

N1: Natural Science (no Lab)
N2: Natural Science (w/Lab)

MA MATHEMATICS
3 CREDITS

CORE SKILLS

9 CREDITS

QD QUANTITATIVE & DATA LITERACY
3 CREDITS

WIL1 WRITING & INFORMATION LITERACY 1
3 CREDITS

WIL2/ OC WRITING & INFORMATION LITERACY 2
3 CREDITS

WIL2: Writing & Information Literacy Tier 2
- or -
OC: Oral Communication

COMMON GROUND VALUES

12 CREDITS

D DIVERSITY
6 CREDITS (INCLUDING AT LEAST 3 D1 CREDITS)

D1: Race and Racism in the US
D2: Diversity of Human Experience

SU SUSTAINABILITY
3 CREDITS

GC GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP
3 CREDITS

GC1: Global Systems & Problems
- or -
GC2: Developing Global Citizens

Experiential Learning – what will it mean for you?

- Field-based Courses
 - 100% of Rubenstein students participate in field-based courses!
- Internships
 - Earn academic credit and gain professional work experience!
- Undergraduate Research
 - Assist in research with faculty, graduate students, and community partners!
- Civic- & Service-Learning Courses
 - Build skills and relationships with community partners through project-based coursework!
- Study Away/Abroad
 - Semester, Summer, Winter, & Spring Break opportunities!



Our Common Ground Values

“Education is not preparation for life. Education is life itself.”

– John Dewey, educator, philosopher, UVM Class of 1897



- RESPECT
 - Listen, encourage, and care about each other.
- INTEGRITY
 - Fairness, straightforward conduct, adherence to facts, and sincerity. Honest and ethical in all responsibilities entrusted to us.
- INNOVATION
 - Be at the forefront of change, learn from successes and mistakes and continue to grow.
- OPENNESS
 - Collaboration and participation of full community.
- JUSTICE
 - Unified rejection of all forms of injustice.
- RESPONSIBILITY
 - Personal and collective responsibility for our words and deeds.

Academic Integrity

- What does academic integrity mean to you?



Academic Support Services

- [FirstGen@UVM](#)
- [Undergraduate Writing Center](#)
- [Tutoring Center](#)
- [Advising & Student Services](#)
- [UVM Howe Library](#)
- [Student Accessibility Services](#)
- [Student Athlete Academic Support](#)
- [Technology Support](#)
- [Office of International Education](#)
- [Career Center](#) & [RSENR Career Support](#)
- [Navigate](#)
- ...and many more!!



Wellness Services



- [UVM Center for Health & Wellbeing](#)
 - Primary Care
 - Allergy Clinic
 - Nutrition Services
 - Counseling & Psychiatry Services (CAPS)
 - Health Coaching

UVM Identity-Based Centers

- [Mosaic Center for Students of Color \(MCSC\)](#)
- [Women and Gender Equity Center \(WAGE\)](#)
- [Interfaith Center](#)
- [Prism Center](#)
- [Veterans Services](#)



THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
PRISM CENTER

Extracurricular Involvement



Alianza Latinx



Headwaters Magazine



Eco-Reps



Quidditch Club (UVMQ)



Audubon UVM Chapter



People of Color Outdoors



Outing Club



Asian Student Union



Society of American Foresters



Renewable Energy Network



Folk Music Club



Food Recovery Network at UVM



Alternative Spring Break



Club Sports



Muslim Student Association



Queer Student Union

How will
you get
involved?

See a list of all UVM Student Clubs & Organizations [here!](#)

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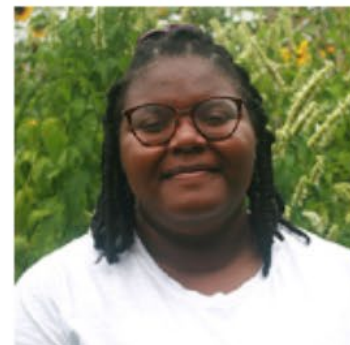


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Registration Advising

- Your Fall Schedule
 - **You have already been enrolled in courses for the Fall** – this schedule is based on course requirements for your major program and is a **draft that can be finalized and/or adjusted** during your advising meeting or later this summer.
 - The registration hold on your account will be removed if you want to make any changes to your schedule while you are meeting with an advisor and will be permanently removed on Monday, July 7th.



- All Rubenstein Students take two **core curriculum** courses in their first semester:
 - **NR 1010: Natural History & Human Ecology 1** (4-credit field lab-based course)
 - Last year's class pictured to the left!
 - **NR 1050: Critical Reflection & Dialogue** (1-credit discussion-based course)

Registration Advising

- Important Notes:
 - Most classes are MWF or TR
 - 20 minutes are built in between classes, which is typically plenty of time to walk to your next class (even if it's across campus!)
 - Credit hours typically equal the amount of time spent in class per week (ex. 3 credits = 3 hours of class; 1 credit = 1 hour of class, etc.)
 - This does NOT include study/homework hours...you'll need to determine what works best for you for time management!
 - Full time student status is anywhere between 12-19 credits. Our recommendation is to fall between 14-16 credits if possible.
 - 120 credits are required to graduate, which averages 15 credits per semester to graduate in 8 semesters/4 years



Registration Advising

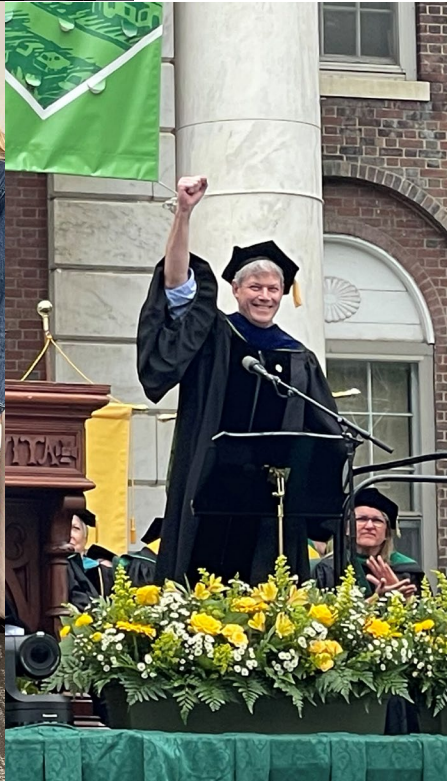


- **Next Steps:**

1. **Schedule your course registration appointment!** (check your UVM email for the scheduling link)
2. Check out the **[New Student Resources webpage](#)** to work through the list of to-dos ahead of your meeting
3. Continue working on your **New Student Checklist** over the course of the summer!



Get to know your
professional advisor,
professors,
teaching assistants, and
Rubenstein Student
Services Staff!



Thank you!

Any thoughts
or questions?

