



Students engage in simulated negotiations of multilateral environmental agreements

# Master of International Forestry


 THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
 Faculty of Forestry



“ The MIF program helped me develop a global perspective and approach to problem-solving. This experience guided my career path in international forestry development, trade policy, environmental and social governance, and now bioeconomy development. ”  
 -Stephanie Lee, 2017 MIF graduate

“ The MIF program really prepared me for the work I am doing now by providing a very solid foundation in a variety of areas, ranging from diplomacy, economics, forest policy, and Indigenous forestry. It exposed me to a diverse range of subjects while also providing the flexibility and freedom to really hone in on what was really important and interesting to me, and that provided me with a great foundation for my career. ”  
 -Julie Aeyelts, 2021 MIF graduate





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MORE INFO

*A one-year master's program based on a mix of experiential learning and coursework that prepares students to explore, negotiate, and implement solutions to the complex challenges facing the world's forests, and the people that depend upon them.*



# ABOUT THE UBC MIF PROGRAM

The University of British Columbia's Master of International Forestry is an intensive, one year, course-based master's program that provides the knowledge, skills, and tools required to address the social, environmental, and economic challenges of global forest and natural resources management.

The program is designed for early to mid-career professionals looking to enhance their skills and gain experience that will help them address real-world challenges in international forestry.

Graduates of the program are well-positioned to secure interesting and rewarding jobs in this rapidly growing field.

We welcome applications from a diversity of backgrounds, including both domestic and international students.

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

The MIF program provides extensive learning opportunities outside the classroom, including multiple field trips, and engagement with leading professionals, stakeholders, and organizations, via weekly guest lectures.

Students are provided with the opportunity to complete an internship with one of our global partners, including major international institutions, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. Students provide valuable service to the partner organization, and in return, gain relevant experience while building their professional network.

Alternatively, students can choose to undertake a directed study under faculty supervision, and take a deep dive into their chosen topic.

# COURSES

*The program's seven core courses are designed to provide a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary understanding of key international forestry issues and concepts.*

## Forests & Society

Explore how forests contribute to our global economy and daily lives, as well as issues such as climate change, food security, health and nutrition, conservation and development, and how these issues are inter-linked.

## Social, Community & Indigenous Forestry

Examine the history and evolution of social, community and Indigenous forestry, key concepts such as Free, Prior Informed Consent and Access and Benefit Sharing, and how this relates to contemporary forestry issues.

## Natural Resources Planning

Investigate the critical links between landscapes and livelihoods in an integrated approach, and examine the trade-offs between often conflicting land uses, such as forestry and agriculture, and conservation versus development.

## Natural Resource Economics & Environmental Finance

Learn basic principles of economics and finance, and apply them to current issues such as payment for ecosystem services, and cost-benefit analysis.

## Forest Business Enterprise

Learn essential skills required to run an international forest-based business or social venture, including the fundamentals of financial and project management.

## International Forest Governance and Policy

Examine how government policy affects drivers of deforestation, forest degradation, and the pursuit of sustainable forest management, and explore innovative solutions capable of improving outcomes.

## International Forestry Institutions, Diplomacy & Negotiations

Get to know the complex web of agreements and institutions that have evolved in response to global forest challenges, including climate change and biodiversity loss, and learn how to navigate multilateral environmental negotiations.