

M O N T A N A B O A R D O F R E G E N T S
NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

ITEM 124-1007-R0704 REVISED

Institution: The University of Montana--Missoula

Program Title: Graduate Certificate in Natural Resources Conflict Resolution

1. How does this program advance the campus' academic mission and fit priorities?

It will integrate teaching, research, and public service through an interdisciplinary program designed to help citizens and leaders resolve natural resource and land use disputes, thereby promoting healthy communities, vibrant economies, and healthy landscapes.

2. How does this program fit the Board of Regents' goals and objectives?

Since it builds on existing courses to provide a unique certificate opportunity, it is cost-effective. It is also interdisciplinary, engaging faculty and students from the School of Law, the College of Forestry and Conservation, the School of Business Administration, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Finally, it helps The University become more engaged in helping citizens and leaders in Montana solve real-world problems (which also improves teaching and research).

3. How does this program support or advance Montana's needs and interests?

Montana is faced with a stream of disputes over natural resources. By providing tomorrow's leaders in the natural resource profession -- whether they are lawyers, foresters, resource managers, environmental advocates, or business and industry officials -- with a common framework for resolving disputes, the certificate program has the potential to reduce the cost of disputes and thereby improve opportunities to foster healthy communities, vibrant economies, and healthy landscapes.

4. How will this program contribute to economic development in Montana? (Note projected annual economic impact both regionally and statewide.)

It will provide leaders in the natural resource professions with the tools for resolving disputes, thereby reducing the costs of such disputes.

5. What is the program's planned capacity?

• Break-even point?	6.2	FTE students
• Enrollments / year?	5	
• Graduates / year?	5	
• MT jobs / year?	2-3	

6. Resource Allocation:

• Total program budget?	\$25,160
• Faculty FTE?	N/A
• Staff FTE?	.25

7. Does this program require new resources? Yes No

If yes, what is the amount? \$ _____

8. How will the campus fund the program?

The administration of the program will be accomplished through an existing allocation from the Vice President for Research and Development.

The courses required for the program are already being taught, so no new resources are needed.

9. If internal reallocation is necessary, name the sources.