

The Natural Resources and Environmental Science (NRES) field experience (NRE 320) is a fundamental component of the NRES curriculum. However, there have been occasions where a student may need to complete an alternative NRE 320 field experience. The NRES Steering Committee makes every effort to work with students to complete the requirements of this course.




If a student wants to pursue an alternative NRE 320 field experience then they are responsible for designing and proposing the alternative curriculum. It must be substantial enough to equal three credits (120 hours) worth of effort and engagement and comparable to the NRES field experience (Robinson Forest or Costa Rica). This should be a hands-on experience working with professionals and with the tools that they are likely to use in their careers. The alternative field experience should follow the spirit of the course and not be an internship or all classroom based. It should have field/experiential components in more than three areas of study.

The alternative curriculum is often modeled after NRE 320.010 in Robinson Forest. Three weeks of hands-on work and experiences (40 hours per week, 120 hours total) in more than three topic areas with deliverables each week.

Below is an EXAMPLE of the information you need to provide. Once you write your proposal, please submit it to your NRES Advisor, who will forward it to the NRES Steering Committee for approval. This proposal should be submitted and approved BEFORE you begin any work. The Steering Committee may need up to a month to process this proposal so please plan ahead.

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**Information Needed for NRE 320 Field Experience Alternative Curriculum Proposal**

Name of Student Submitting Proposal: Today's Date: Date entire experience will be complete and deliverables turned in: Reason for seeking alternative field experience approval:		<i>Please be detailed and specific about your reasons. The proposal will not be approved without solid reasoning.</i>
Alternative Curriculum Advisor Name: Contact Information:		<i>This is the NRES Advisor who will be overseeing and approving your entire NRE 320 alternative curriculum. Each topic's supervisor should to forward the deliverables or grade for that section to this advisor. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that your alternative curriculum advisor receives the grades from each topic.</i>
<u>Topic Information</u> Location/Organization/Department: Supervisor: Contact information of supervisor: Topic: Number of hours: Dates: Learning Objectives: Deliverables:		<i>This is the detailed information needed for each Alternative Field Experience topic. Remember, you should have at least three topics.</i>

*This proposal needs to be professional and well written. Don't forget to pay attention to your formatting, spelling, grammar, etc.*