

Rubenstein School Academic Overview Session

Welcome!



Rubenstein School of Environment
and Natural Resources

Aiken Center

- George D. Aiken Center
- LEED Platinum Certified building
- Greening of Rubenstein Course
- Ecological Design Maker Space
- Green Roof comprised of eight small watersheds

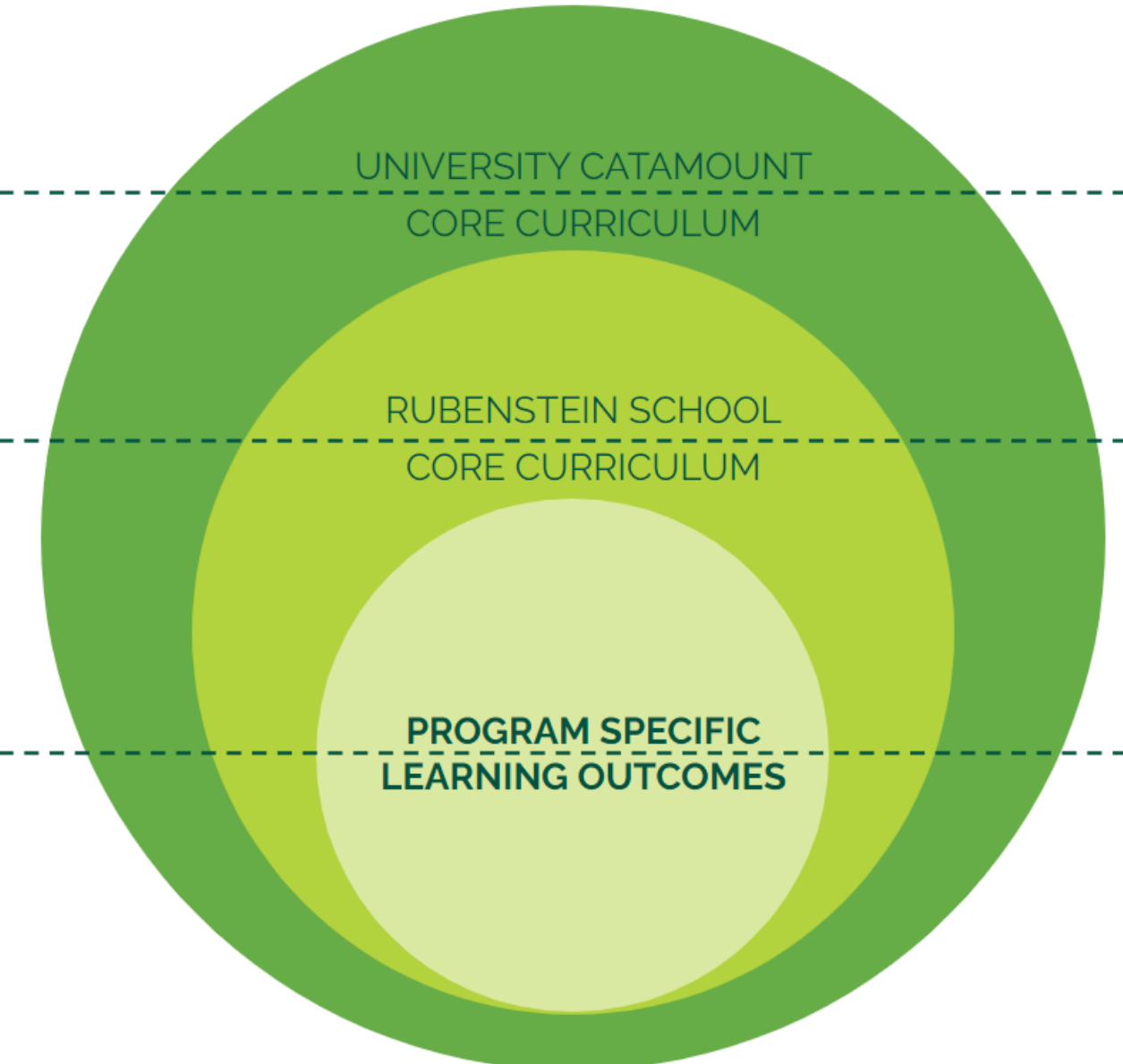


Our Facilities

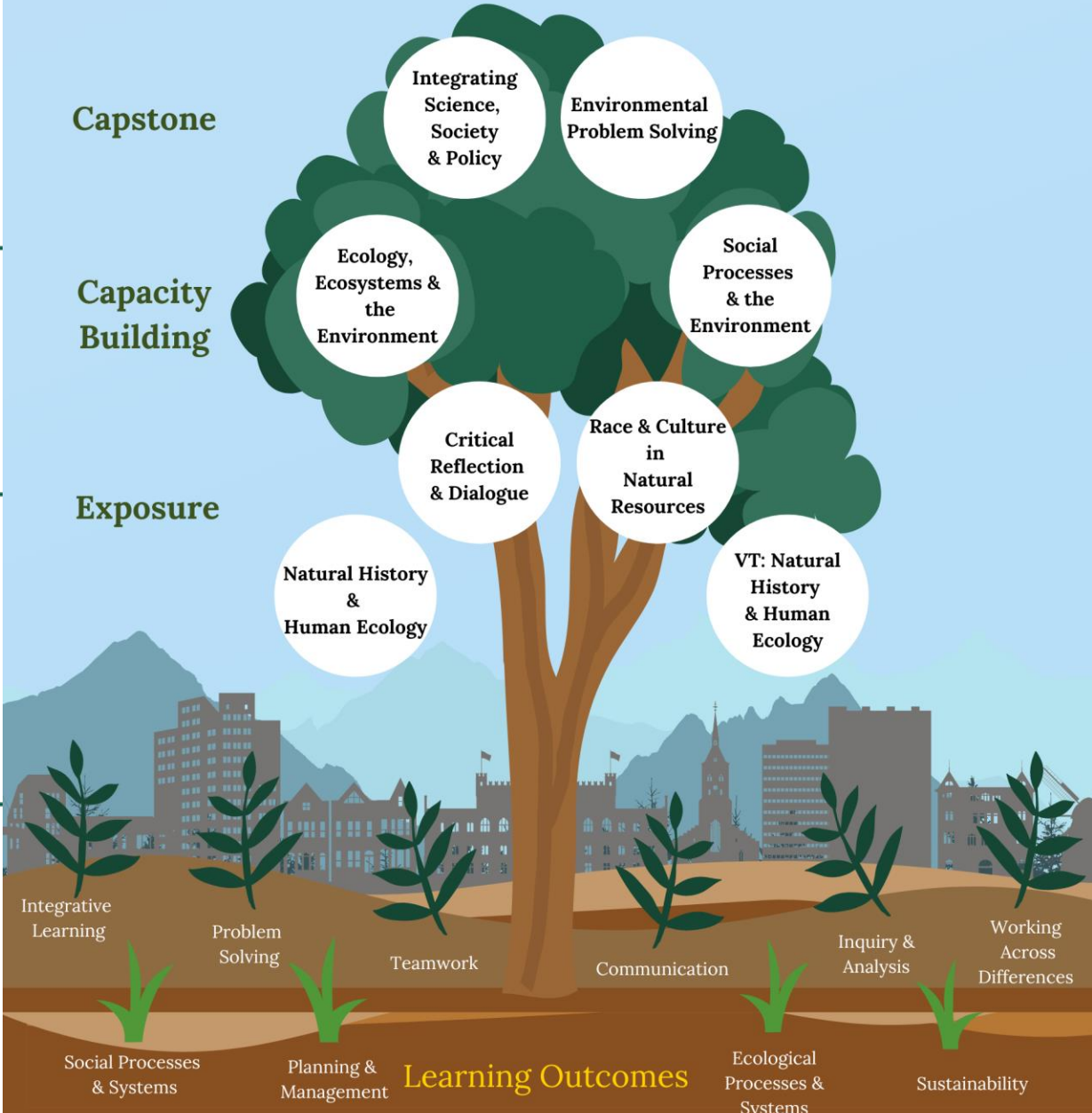


- Rubenstein Ecosystem Sciences Lab
- George D. Aiken Forestry Sciences Lab
- New hybrid electric research vessel
- Access to 10 UVM Natural Areas and 4 Research Forests

Curriculum Overview



Rubenstein School Core Curriculum





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](#)
- [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 \(CAPS\)](#)
- [Living Well](#)
- [Mindfulness](#)

UVM Identity-Based Centers

- [Interfaith Center](#)
- [Veterans Services](#)



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THE MOSAIC CENTER
FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR



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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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 8th.



- 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



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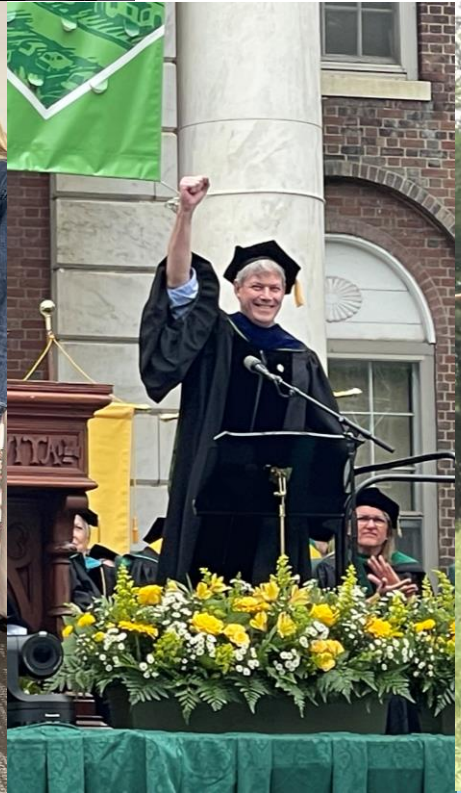


- **Next Steps:**

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?

