

My Experience as a MSC Candidate Studying Reclamation¹

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Abstract: As graduate students our goals, expectations, and backgrounds coming into a Master's degree are different. At the start of our program, we believe our project will define our career when in actuality our project provides us with a unique skillset that is applicable across many academic and professional fields. The opportunities afforded to us to be able to communicate openly within our lab, work with outside organizations and grow as individuals is invaluable to young professionals. The opportunity to have open communication with your supervisor and lab group can help you with the processes for dealing with the challenges of entering a graduate program in various areas of school and life. Graduate school presents many challenges including, but not limited to, working in project management, remote locations, field work, online learning, data interpretation and working within a growing lab. I will present on my experience as an MSc candidate at the University of Alberta and my approach for overcoming these challenges and the rewards of doing so.

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