

# CONSERVATION BIOLOGY MINOR

**Banner Code: CBIO**

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This minor is intended for non-biology majors with an interest in wildlife and habitat conservation issues. The minor may particularly suit Environmental Science, BS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/science/environmental-policy/environmental-science-bs/>), Environmental and Sustainability Studies, BA (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/science/environmental-policy/environmental-sustainability-studies-ba-cos/>), and Geology, BS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/science/atmospheric-oceanic-earth-sciences/geology-bs/>) majors, as well as School of Integrative Studies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/integrative-studies/>) students wishing to increase their understanding and qualifications in the field of conservation biology. The minor may also be of interest to non-science majors, for example, students taking leisure studies classes with an interest in ecotourism.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and not counted toward the student's major. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

For policies governing all undergraduate programs, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/>).

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 19

Students should refer to the Admissions & Policies tab for specific policies related to this program.

Students must complete the following courses with a minimum GPA of 2.00.

Many courses below have prerequisites that need to be met; see advisor for details.

### Core Biology Courses

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL 308	Foundations of Ecology and Evolution	5
BIOL 300	BioDiversity	4
Select one from the following:		3-6
EVPP 318 or BIOL 318	Conservation Biology	

INTS 401	Conservation Biology (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> ) <sup>1</sup>
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Total Credits	12-15
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3 of 6 credits count toward the Core Biology requirement. The remaining 3 credits may apply toward minor electives.

### Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select 4-7 credits from the following to meet a total of 19 credits for the minor. <sup>1</sup>		4-7

EVPP 336	Tackling Wicked Problems in Society the Environment
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EVPP 361	Introduction to Environmental Policy
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EVPP 377	Applied Ecology
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EVPP 419	Marine Mammal Biology and Conservation
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EVPP 420	Marine Mammal Biology and Conservation Field Course
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EVPP 421	Marine Conservation
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EVPP 440	Field Environmental Science <sup>2</sup>
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EVPP 490	Special Topics in Environmental Science and Policy <sup>2</sup>
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Total Credits	4-7
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Other conservation-oriented classes may also be applicable as electives for this minor if approved by the faculty coordinator for the minor.

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Conservation-oriented topics only.

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3 of 6 credits count toward electives if the course is taken to satisfy Core Biology requirement above.