



# Program Approval Form

For approval of new programs and deletions or modifications to an existing program.

## Action Requested:

- ☐ Create New (SCHEV approval required except for minors)  
☐ Inactivate Existing  
☒ Modify Existing (check ALL that apply)  
☐ Title (SCHEV approval required except for minors)  
☐ Concentration (Choose one): ☐ Add ☐ Delete ☐ Modify  
☐ Degree Requirements  
☐ Admission Standards/ Application Requirements  
☐ Other Changes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Type (Check one):

- ☐ B.A. ☐ B.S. ☒ Minor  
☐ Master's  
☐ Ph.D.  
☐ Undergraduate Certificate\*  
☐ Graduate Certificate\*  
☐ Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's ☐ Other:

College/School:

CHSS/COS

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Effective Term:

Fall

2017

Please note: For students to be admitted to a new degree, minor, certificate or concentration, the program must be fully approved, entered into Banner, and published in the University Catalog.

Justification: (attach separate document if necessary)

Update minor with newly approved courses and add a third option for the semester program.

Program Title: (Required)

Title must identify subject matter. Do not include name of college/school/dept.

Concentration(s):

Admissions Standards / Application

Requirements: (Required only if different from those listed in the University Catalog)

Degree Requirements:

Consult University Catalog for models, attach separate document if necessary using track changes for modifications

Courses offered via distance:

(if applicable)

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED:

Existing	New/Modified
Conservation Studies, minor	
	See attached

\*For Certificates Only: Indicate whether students are able to pursue on a

☐ Full-time basis

☐ Part-time basis

## Approval Signatures

Department

Date

If this program may impact another unit, the proposing department must circulate this proposal for review by those units and obtain their approval.

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Unit Name	Unit Approval	Date

## For Undergraduate Programs only

Undergraduate Council Member

Provost Office

Undergraduate Council Approval Date

## For Graduate Programs Only

Graduate Council Member

Provost Office

Graduate Council Approval Date

For Registrar Office's Use Only: Received \_\_\_\_\_ Banner \_\_\_\_\_ Catalog \_\_\_\_\_

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# Conservation Studies Minor (CHSS)

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Banner Code: CNST

Web: [smcconservation.gmu.edu](http://smcconservation.gmu.edu)

College: [College of Humanities and Social Sciences](#)  
Department: [School of Integrative Studies](#)

The minor in conservation studies is designed for undergraduate students who wish to augment their main academic program with conservation studies taught in an experiential manner. There are three, semester-long options by which students can complete the minor including ones that focus on: "Conservation, Biodiversity and Society", "Wildlife Ecology and Conservation", or "Endangered Species Conservation". These Semesters are grounded in natural science, and offer a collection of four to five interdisciplinary courses that combine public policy, sociology, conflict resolution, and global awareness with hands-on experience. Students are in residence at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, Virginia, and are taught by Mason faculty, Smithsonian scientists and practitioners.

The minor is available only to students who enroll in any of the Smithsonian Mason Semesters, semester-long residential programs held at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, VA. The Semesters are offered jointly by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Science under the auspices of the [Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation](#).

For policies governing all minors, see the [Undergraduate Policies](#) section of this catalog.

## Minor Requirements

Students pursuing this minor must complete either of the options described below with a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course. Eight credits of course work must be unique to the minor.

### Conservation, Biodiversity and Society option (16 credits)

Students complete five required courses.

- [CONS 320 - Conservation in Practice](#) Credits: 3
- [CONS 401 - Conservation Theory](#) Credits: 3
- [CONS 402 - Applied Conservation](#) Credits: 4
- [CONS 410 - Human Dimensions in Conservation](#) Credits: 3
- [CONS 490 - RS: Integrated Conservation Strategies](#) Credits: 3

### Wildlife Ecology and Conservation option (15 credits)

Offered only in Fall semesters, students complete four required courses:

- [CONS 400 - Conservation Seminar](#) Credits: 2

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Comment [1]: I'm not sure how you want to report this one as the course will have variable credits, but the idea is that it has 2 credits in the fall and 3 in the spring so it is not flexible within a particular program.

- CONS 404 - Biodiversity Monitoring Credits: 4
- CONS 405 - Landscape and Macrosystems Ecology Credits: 4
- CONS 499 - Research in Conservation Credits: 5

### **Endangered Species and Conservation (15 credits)**

Offered only in Spring semesters, students complete four required courses:

- CONS 400 - Conservation Seminar Credits: 3
- CONS 406 - Small Population Management Credits: 4
- CONS 491 - RS: Conservation Management Planning Credits: 3
- CONS 499 - Research in Conservation Credits: 5

**Total: 15 credits**