This minor is designed for undergraduate students who wish to augment their primary academic program with conservation studies taught in an experiential manner. There are three semester-long options by which students can complete the minor including topics such as: "Conservation, Biodiversity and Society", "Wildlife Ecology and Conservation", or "Endangered Species Conservation". These seminars are grounded in natural science and offer a collection of 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 (https://nationalzoo.si.edu/conservation) 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 (https://smconservation.gmu.edu), semester-long residential programs held at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (https://nationalzoo.si.edu/conservation) 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 (http://smconservation.gmu.edu).

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### Admissions & Policies

#### Admissions

The minor is available only to students who enroll in either of the Smithsonian Mason Semesters, semester-long residential programs held at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, VA.

#### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students pursuing this minor must complete one of the options with a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course. For policies governing all minors, see AP5.3.4 Minors.

### Requirements

#### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 15-16

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Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.