

CONSERVATION BIOLOGY, B.S.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

ADVISING

Students in the conservation biology major are assigned to a team of advisors composed of a faculty advisor and the major's student services coordinator. See the major's advising page (<https://conservationbiology.ls.wisc.edu/advising/>) for a list of advisors and for the student services coordinator information.

The faculty advisor provides guidance specific to the discipline through discussions about undergraduate experiences (e.g., research, coursework, internships) that will help prepare students for graduate work or a career after graduation. The student services coordinator provides guidance specific to the discipline but helps students with major declarations, course selection, registration, DARS, L&S degree and major requirements, and tracking progress toward graduation, as well as connecting students with important resources on campus. **Because the major is so broad and involves so much choice, it is important for students to meet early and regularly with their student services coordinator and faculty advisor.**

Students contemplating graduate work in a biological discipline are advised to take the following:

| Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| BIOLOGY/ BOTANY/ ZOOLOGY 151 | Introductory Biology | |
| BIOLOGY/ BOTANY/ ZOOLOGY 152 | Introductory Biology | |
| ANTHRO/ BOTANY/ ZOOLOGY 410 | Evolutionary Biology | |
| BOTANY/ F&W ECOL/ ZOOLOGY 460 | General Ecology | |

Although not required for the major, such students are also encouraged to take the following:

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| CHEM 104 | General Chemistry II | |
| GENETICS 466 | Principles of Genetics | |
| PHYSICS 103 | General Physics | |
| PHYSICS 104 | General Physics | |
| MATH 221 | Calculus and Analytic Geometry 1 | |

PERSONAL STATEMENT

The Personal Statement Requirement (<https://conservationbiology.ls.wisc.edu/requirements/>), completed during your final year, gives you an opportunity to work with your faculty advisor on this writing requirement that connects your UW–Madison

experiences to your future. Through your writing and conversations, you will be evaluated on one of the major's learning goals.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. Set up an appointment with your faculty advisor in your final year and indicate the meeting is regarding the personal statement requirement.
2. Send to your faculty advisor, in advance of the meeting, your choice of a cover letter for a position of interest, a personal plan for graduate school, or your own two-page personal statement related to the stated learning goal.
3. Bring along a hard copy of the evaluation form to be completed and signed by your faculty advisor and then submit evaluation to the Conservation Biology Student Services Coordinator, 141 Birge Hall.

L&S CAREER RESOURCES

SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science helps students leverage the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and liberal arts degree; explore and try out different career paths; participate in internships; prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications; and network with professionals in the field (alumni and employers). In short, SuccessWorks helps students in the College of Letters & Science discover themselves, find opportunities, and develop the skills they need for success after graduation.

SuccessWorks can also assist students in career advising, résumé and cover letter writing, networking opportunities, and interview skills, as well as course offerings for undergraduates to begin their career exploration early in their undergraduate career.

Students should set up their profiles in Handshake (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to take care of everything they need to explore career events, manage their campus interviews, and **apply to jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers around the country.**

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit, targeted to first- and second-year students)—for more information, see Inter-LS 210: Career Development, Taking Initiative (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/inter-ls-210-career-development-taking-initiative/>)
- INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Com B General Education Requirement)
- Handshake (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/>)
- Learn how we're transforming career preparation: L&S Career Initiative (<http://ls.wisc.edu/lsci/>)