

# 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/<br>BOTANY/<br>ZOOLOGY 151  | Introductory Biology |         |
| BIOLOGY/<br>BOTANY/<br>ZOOLOGY 152  | Introductory Biology |         |
| ANTHRO/<br>BOTANY/<br>ZOOLOGY 410   | Evolutionary Biology |         |
| BOTANY/<br>F&W ECOL/<br>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                  |         |
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| MATH 221     | Calculus and Analytic Geometry I |         |

### 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

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Enroll in a Career Course (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/>) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:
  - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
  - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
  - INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Activate your Handshake account (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
- Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students' lives (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/>)