

Interdisciplinary Minor in Conservation Leadership

The Interdisciplinary Minor in Conservation Leadership focuses on conservation solutions in the context of our quickly changing planet. A goal of this new program is to develop the next generation of conservation leaders with the ability to critically review underlying paradigms and to initiate paradigm shifts where they are needed to address the challenges of sea level rise and climate change in conservation roles, such as in local, state and federal agency and non-profit sectors. The core of this 15 credit minor is built around two courses on Adaptation Studies and Sustainability Leadership. The Sustainability Leadership course is a Service Learning course that requires travel for fieldwork. Two additional courses are electives, which can be selected across disciplines to suit a wide-range of conservation interests. An internship is the capstone of this minor.

Program Structure:

Fifteen (15) credits; five 3-credits courses

I. Core Courses

- IDS466W Mitigation and Adaptation Studies
- IDS467 Sustainability Leadership (Service Learning)

II. Electives

- Two elective Courses from the list

III. Internship

- IDS 369 Internship in Conservation Leadership

Learning Outcomes:

Graduates of this interdisciplinary minor will understand uncertainties in projection of climate and sea level and be able to develop foresight. They will possess the ability to identify assumptions and paradigms that are the basis of decision making, and to initiate shifts in those paradigms if needed, using a systems approach to address the complex challenges posed by climate change and sea level rise.

Interested in this minor? Please contact:

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Elective Courses:

- BIOL 404 Conservation Biology
- GEOG 305 America's Public Lands
- GEOG 305 World Resources
- GEOG 419 Spatial Analysis of Coastal Environments
- ENVH 301W Environmental Health
- HLSC 405 Interprofessional Study Abroad on Global Health (SL)
- PRTS 405 Outdoor Recreation
- PRTS 433 Camp Administration
- PRTS 406 Outdoor Leadership & Environmental Education
- OEAS 310 Global Earth Systems
- PAS 300 Foundations of Public Service
- PAS 301 Ethics, Governance and Accountability (SL)
- PAS 409 Leadership and Cultural Competence
- PAS 411 Multi-Sector Partnerships for Public Service
- POLS 335 Environmental Politics
- POLS 401 Global Environmental Policy
- POLS 455 The Politics of Climate Change
- PHIL 344E Environmental Ethics
- WMST 395 Women, the Environment and Climate Change