Smithsonian-Mason
School of Conservation

Smithsonian-Mason Partnership

Educating tomorrow’s conservation leaders.
Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation

A university instructional site embedded within an active conservation research facility.

George Mason University

- Leadership in educational innovation, respected faculty.
- Academic excellence in teaching innovation, environmental science and policy and climate change, public and international affairs, and conflict resolution.
**Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI)**

SCBI serves as an umbrella for the Smithsonian’s global effort to conserve species and train future generations of conservationists.

SCBI’s research focuses include:

- Breeding and research of endangered species with connections to these species in the wild.
- Forest ecology and climate change.
SMSC Mission

The Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation seeks to sustain global biodiversity by advancing the theory and practice of conservation biology with transformative/transdisciplinary education.

How do we do this?

By teaching conservation – as conservation is practiced – through a multi-disciplinary, solution-oriented lens.
Through Engaging Students

- Using an approach rooted in current, complex conservation problems, students learn practical, real-world skills to address today’s challenges.

- Course content is delivered through an integrative approach to help students apply practical, real-world strategies from diverse disciplines.
Through Our Community of Practice

- Students learn from experts within conservation and interact with peers from diverse backgrounds to experience the interdisciplinary nature of the field.

- These experts serve as mentors and students are drawn from any major, which increases productive interactions and collaborations.
Our Programs

- High School
- Undergraduate
- Graduate and Professional Training
High School Summer Programs

Gain an understanding of the complex nature of present-day conservation that can be applied to future college, jobs and internships.

- Open to rising high school juniors, seniors and recent graduates.
- Students earn college credit from Mason through each week-long residential course.
Undergraduate

- Two 16-credit semester programs for undergraduates, and recent graduates committed to the study of conservation.

- Open to students from any accredited college/university and any major who have a desire to learn about conservation in an immersive, living learning community.

- Scholarships and financial aid are available.
Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

Investigates how ecological theory can be applied to the study of conservation and communication about threats to species.

Conservation, Biodiversity & Society

Explores the root causes of conservation issues, the role of humans in conservation, and ways in which science informs management and policy.
FOLLOW your instincts. EXPLORE your potential. SHAPE your future.

For more information...

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