Make your passion your career.

Master’s in Wildlife Conservation and Management

Combining science with organizational and communication skills, you will earn the training and credentials you need to advance in your career path. The central distinguishing feature is its focus on understanding the environment in the context of sustainability science. This degree focuses on understanding and managing the natural world. Important factors impacting natural communities include climate change and habitat disruption. Understanding the management of the changing environment will be crucial to adaptation and creating sustainable management practices over the coming century.

Cost: $650 per credit
Military Discount: $585

Job Outcomes, Growth*, & Salary**

Wildlife Technician
$45k +2
Conservation Scientist
$41k +6.3
Industrial Ecologists
$71k +8
Research Associate
$55k +27.5

*Projected 10-year growth
**National median salary
Source: O*Net

Program Features

+ One-on-one academic and professional advising as our world-class faculty and trained staff strive to make your professional and academic goals a reality.
+ Unity College is an accredited institution by New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).
+ Experiential Online. Experiential programs are delivered 100% online with field work designed with the working professional in mind.
+ Study when and where you want and finish your degree while still working full-time.
+ Make professional connections with leaders in your field.
+ Get job placement assistance through our career services department.
+ Finish in 12 months if you choose to take the full course load.
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Job Outcomes, Growth*, & Salary**

Conservation Scientist
Median Salary: $41k
Growth: +6.3
Conservation scientists manage, improve, and protect natural resources to maximize their use without damaging the environment. They conduct research to find ways to protect our environment. Conservation scientists often help bring awareness to environmental issues and ways to solve those problems.

Industrial Ecologists
Median Salary: $71k
Growth: +8
Industrial ecologists are responsible for applying the principles and processes of natural ecosystems to develop models for efficient industrial systems. They maximize the effective use of natural resources in the production and use of goods and services.

Research Associate
Median Salary: $55k
Growth: +27.5
Research Associates monitor the progress of various research projects and coordinate delivering the information. They also perform the tests and studies for a wide variety of experiments. They are responsible for collecting, preparing, analyzing, and evaluating results.

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Graduates of the Master’s in Wildlife Conservation and Management will be able to:

+ **Describe and explain** central ideas and foundational assumptions of managing the natural world.

+ **Identify and explain** fundamental factors and/or processes that impact natural communities, including climate change.

+ **Use** systems thinking and transdisciplinary strategies to describe and explain natural resource management challenges and approaches.

+ **Design** and carry out a project that uses a transdisciplinary approach to address a natural resource management or conservation challenge.

### Professional Skills Core

- PROF 505 Strategic Management of Innovation
- PROF 510 Communication for Environmental Professionals
- PROF 515 Ethical Practice and Policy
- PROF 590 Capstone I
- PROF 690 Capstone II

### Complete one of the following tracks:

#### Conservation and Management Program Track

- SNRM 505 Human Dimensions of Natural Resource Management
- SNRM 507 Wildlife Ecology and Management
- SNRM 509 Wildlife Identification
- SNRM 515 Conservation Ecology
- SUST 510 Climate Dynamics

#### Professional Wildlife Biologist Program Track

- MATH 520 Quantitative Reasoning and Scientific Thought
- SNRM 505 Human Dimensions of Natural Resource Management
- SNRM 510 Landscape Ecology
- SNRM 515 Conservation Ecology
- SUST 510 Climate Dynamics

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