Conservation and Resource Studies Minor

The Conservation and Resource Studies Minor Program is available to any current UC Berkeley student in good academic standing. Students must check with their home college for overlap restrictions between majors and minors. The deadline to complete this minor program is before your degree at UC Berkeley has posted. For more information, contact the CRS major advisor Ricky Vides: rickyv72@berkeley.edu

Completing the CRS Minor Program:
There are two options for completing the CRS minor:

- Option #1 allows students to select courses from the pre-determined list below.
- Option #2 allows students to design their own minor around a topic of interest.

NOTE: All courses must be taken for a letter grade and the cumulative minor GPA must be 2.0 or higher.

OPTION #1:
- Complete one of the following Minor Core Courses: ESPM C10, ESPM C12, ESPM C 46, ESPM 50AC or ESPM 15.
- Complete an additional four courses from the list below (three of these four must be upper division courses).
- No exceptions can be made to the list of courses for option #1.

Lower Division
- ESPM 2 The Biosphere
- ESPM 6 Environmental Biology
- ESPM 60 Environmental Policy, Administration & Law

Upper Division: Students must complete at least THREE upper division courses from this list:
- ESPM C103 Principles of Conservation Biology
- ESPM 117 Urban Garden Ecosystems
- ESPM 118: Agricultural Ecology
- ESPM 160AC American Environmental & Cultural History
- ESPM 161 Environmental Philosophy & Ethics
- ESPM 162 Health, Medicine, Society, and Environment
- ESPM 162A Bioethics & Society
- ESPM 163AC Environmental Justice: Race, Class, Equity, & the Environment
- ESPM 165 International Rural Development Policy
- ESPM 166 Natural Resource Policy & Indigenous Peoples
- ESPM 167 Environmental Health & Development
- ESPM 168 Political Ecology
- ESPM 169 International Environmental Politics
- ESPM 186 Management & Conservation of Rangeland Ecosystems
- ESPM C193A or B Environmental Education
- ESPM 190 Seminar in Environmental Issues

OPTION #2: Individualized CRS Minor
1. BEFORE beginning option #2, go to Professor Céline Pallud (cpallud@berkeley.edu) for review and approval of your minor program. Bring a copy of your minor program with her signature to 260 Mulford Hall.
2. Five courses are required and must be taken for a letter grade.
3. Student must complete one of the following Minor Core Courses: ESPM C10, ESPM C12, ESPM 50AC or ESPM 15 (formerly ENV SCI 10).
4. The remaining four courses must be upper division and interdisciplinary; two must be natural science courses and two must be social science courses. At least two upper division courses must be in the ESPM department.
5. Students may use a maximum of one study abroad course in their plan if the student received UC Berkeley credit for it.
6. Create a title to reflect the topic of your minor, for example: Sustainable Rural Development; Wildlife Management, etc.
7. Write a paragraph explaining how your five courses achieve an understanding of your academic topic.

Note: Completion of the CRS minor will be noted in the memorandum section of the student’s transcript and NOT on their diploma. The Option #2 topic title will not appear in the memorandum.