

Conservation and Resource Studies (CRS)

Overview of Major: The Conservation and Resource Studies (CRS) major is a self-designed interdisciplinary program for students interested in environmental issues and areas of interaction among natural resources, population, energy, technology, societal institutions, and cultural values. Students draw on the course offerings of the entire campus and appropriate community resources in the development of individual programs of study. The major's orientation is toward flexibility and an individualized educational approach to understanding the structure and dynamic functions of complex environmental systems within our society and biosphere. It encourages interaction among students, faculty, and community. The major's offerings are designed to help each student formulate an area of interest, but are not in any way meant to limit the range of options available.

Minimum Admission Requirements: Must be completed by the end of spring term preceding fall enrollment.

Berkeley Courses:
English R1A & English R1B
One Breadth course (3-4 units) in Social & Behavioral Sciences or International Studies
One Breadth course (3-4 units) in Physical Sciences
One Breadth course (3-4 units) in Arts & Literature or Historical Studies or Philosophy & Values
Biology 1A or Biology 1B or Biology 11
Math 1A or Math 16A or Stats 2 or Stats 20 or Stats 25
Check assist.org for the course equivalencies at your community college

Other helpful courses (if offered):

- Geography (Any Introduction to Geo-spatial Data Analysis)
- Any Environmental Biology or Ecology Courses
- Environmental Design, Environmental Law, or Environmental Politics and Policy

*Note IGETC satisfies Breadth courses above

Admissions Review Process:

- Holistic review: Based on combination of academic and non-academic achievements.
- Includes personal essay, coursework, test scores, interest in the major and field. A thoughtful essay demonstrating a clear interest in the major helps build a stronger application.
- For more about admissions review: <http://admissions.berkeley.edu/selectsstudents>

Application Timeline:

- UC Systemwide Application (November)
- UC Berkeley Work in Progress Update (January)

Helpful Things to Know:

- IGETC satisfies Reading & Composition, ESPM Social Science Core, and two general breadth courses. IGETC does not satisfy the ESPM Environmental Science Core, Environmental Economics, or minimum requirements listed above.
- The major has 3 areas of concentration that students can choose from. The concentration has no bearing on admission, as long as minimum admissions requirements are met.
- Research experience is strongly encouraged, though not required. Admitted students begin developing their research projects in their second semester.

How to contact an advisor:

Major Advisor: Sarah Rhoades, crs.emf.ugrad@berkeley.edu, (Appointments are preferred for prospective students)

Conservation and Resource Studies Website: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/advising/majors/conservation-and-resource-studies>