

Conservation Planning (CP)

Conservation planning is concerned with societal activities to protect productive ecological systems, conserve native biological diversity and associated ecological and evolutionary processes, and maintain wild species of special interest. Interdisciplinary research in systematic conservation planning is concerned with theory and techniques to improve the scientific basis of planning and the cost-effectiveness of conservation and management actions. The Conservation Planning specialization teaches students to assess and develop effective strategies for conserving, managing and restoring wild populations and ecosystems in a landscape and regional context.



Conservation Planning students will be well grounded in the fields of population and community ecology, landscape ecology, conservation biology, and conservation planning with training in ecological inventory and monitoring, data analysis, mapping using Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and modeling. A more detailed explanation of the curriculum can be found on the [CP website](#).

Example CP related Master's Projects

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[Analysis of Conservation Banking & Creation of a Banking Model to Conserve the Greater Sage-Grouse in Montana](#)

[An Analysis of Wolf-Livestock Conflict Hotspots and Conflict Reduction Strategies in Northern](#)

[Finding a Place for Conservation: A bio-economic analysis to inform the re-zoning of the Galápagos Marine Reserve](#)

[Creating a Conservation Network to Ensure Continued Wildlife Connectivity in the Mackenzie Basin](#)

Sample job placements for recent CP Bren School graduates:

Land Assistant

Peninsula Open Space Trust
Palo Alto, CA

Sr. Coordinator, Sustainability

Mattel, Inc.
El Segundo, CA

Senior Policy Officer

Center for Large Landscape Conservation
Bozeman, MT

ORISE Fellow

US Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC

Biologist

US Fish and Wildlife Service
Ventura, CA

Researcher

Trust for Public Land
San Francisco, CA

Staff Scientist

Cardno ENTRIX
Concord, CA

Environmental Specialist

CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
Sacramento, CA

Conservation Planner

Sequoia Riverlands Trust
San Francisco, CA

Ecosystem Service Market Specialist

The Willamette Partnership
Hillsboro, OR

Natural Resource Specialist

USDA Forest Service
Albuquerque, NM

Desert Associate

Defenders of Wildlife
Los Angeles, CA

Recent CP internship placements include:

American Wind Wildlife Institute • California Association of Resource and Conservation Districts • California Coastal Commission • Channel Islands Restoration • Colorado State Lands Board • Conservation International • Deckers Outdoor Corporation, Corporate Social Responsibility Division • Environmental Defense Fund • Fundación Runa's Forest and Watershed Conservation Program • Global Student Embassy • Irvine Ranch Conservancy • Los Padres ForestWatch • Noble Environmental Technologies • Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History • Tejon Ranch Conservancy • The Nature Conservancy (TNC) • Tetra Tech