BIOL 323: CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

Study the major themes of the conservation of biodiversity: ecosystem diversity and distribution; ecological processes; and human impacts. Case studies will be used to examine natural resource conservation in the context of socio-economic values. Recommended: General knowledge of biology and college-level skills in math and English. (E)

Course Student Learning Outcomes

- 1. Develop a better understanding of ecology and environmental science principles.
- 2. Be able to identify and describe human caused changes to ecosystems.
- 3. Be able to utilize conceptual and mathematical ecological models to identify genetic, and ecological effects of species population loss or decline due to exploitation, habitat loss, and introduced species competition.
- 4. Recognize socio-economic implications of degraded ecosystem function and services.
- 5. Have engaged in critical thinking about environmental laws, natural resource policy and management.
- 6. Further a personal vision of natural resource conservation.

Credits: 5

Prerequisites: MATH& 146 or permission of instructor.

Program: Biology