Graduate Certificate in Conservation Biology

A certificate in Conservation Biology from the University of Missouri shows that you have interdisciplinary coursework and experience not already met by any single degree program at MU. As Conservation Biology is an interdisciplinary science the curriculum for our certificate provides coursework and experience beyond what is offered in a single degree program. The interdisciplinary nature of the curriculum is designed to help you reach a higher level of competence in conservation biology.

To accomplish this goal, the program has 2 required components:

1. Interdisciplinary coursework that includes at least one course each from the categories of Natural Sciences, Techniques and Policy/Social Sciences with at least 3 credits are from outside your degree program. A list of approved courses (http://www.conservbio.missouri.edu/description.php) is available on the Conservation Biology website.
   • Ph.D. students: 15 credit hours of coursework at the 7000, 8000 or 9000 level, 12 of which may overlap with the degree course of study
   • M.S./M.A. students: 12 credit hours of coursework at the 7000, 8000 or 9000 level, all of which may overlap with the degree course of study
   • Coursework must include one course each from the following areas: Science, Techniques and Policy (See approved course list)

2. Practical experience through an internship that falls outside your discipline
   • 160 hours of an internship exploring an area complementary to the student's conservation career goals
   • Designed and completed under the guidance of a mentor other than your major advisor
   • Results in a tangible product (e.g. paper, publication, presentation)