

# WILDERNESS STUDIES MINOR

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Students who successfully complete the requirements of the Wilderness and Civilization Program are eligible for the Wilderness Studies minor. Wilderness and Civilization is an interdisciplinary campus and field-based program. Each year, 25 students investigate wildland conservation and the human-nature relationship through the lenses of policy, ecology, art, Native American Studies, and literature. Wilderness and Civilization combines the strengths of classroom and field learning, interactive classes, innovative faculty, and applied learning through internships. Field trips include extended backcountry trips as well as shorter field trips examining ecology, environmental issues, land use, and natural history. Wilderness and Civilization offers students the opportunity to explore contemporary conservation debates, make connections between disciplines, and learn how to work for positive change.

Wilderness and Civilization is an undergraduate, immersion program geared toward sophomore-, junior-, and senior-level students in any major. Students take 17.0 credits of campus and field-based courses during the fall, and then continue in the spring with an art course, an internship, a 1.0 credit field course, and a 1.0 credit lecture series. The Wilderness and Civilization program is administered by the Wilderness Institute of the W.A Franke College of Forestry and Conservation. The program is offered in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and the Davidson Honors College.

Students must apply for admission to the Wilderness and Civilization program, which is limited to 25 students each year. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for all college and university work. Applications are due by April 1 and are available at the Wilderness Institute, University Hall 303.

## Minor - Wilderness Studies

### W.A Franke College of Forestry & Conservation

**Degree Specific Credits:** 25

**Required Cumulative GPA:** 2.0

### Catalog Year: 2018-2019

**Note:** This minor can be completed during a fall semester plus one winter-session course and four credits in the spring; Experiential learning credit for Honors will be completed with this minor.

## Summary

Code	Title	Hours
Lower-Division Required courses		6
Upper-Division Required Courses		19
Total Hours		25

### Lower-Division Required Courses

**Note:** NRSM 271N is an Honors course; NRSM 273 will be taken two times: in the fall for 2 credits and in the spring for 1 credit

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Complete all of the following courses:</b>		
NRSM 271N	Conservation Ecology	3
NRSM 273	Wilderness/Civ Field Stds	3
Total Hours		6

Minimum Required Grade: C-

### Upper-Division Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Complete all of the following courses:</b>		
LIT 373	Lit & Environment	3
MUSI 304A	Sound in the Natural World	3
NASX 303E	Ecological Perspectives in Native American Traditions	3
NRSM 370S	Wildland Conservation Policy/Governance	3
NRSM 371	Wilderness Issues Lect Series	1
NRSM 373	Wilderness and Civilization	3
NRSM 398	Internship	3
Total Hours		19

Minimum Required Grade: C-