

# Smithsonian-Mason Global Conservation Studies Programs

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**The Smithsonian-Mason Semester: A springboard to conservation or environmental science careers! This 16-credit program, housed in a Smithsonian research facility adjacent to the Shenandoah National Park, offers students the opportunity to live and learn among prominent research scientists, educators, and endangered species.**

## Overview

Grounded in natural science, this interdisciplinary semester combines public policy, sociology, conflict resolution and global awareness. Students take five simultaneous courses that include lab sessions, evening lectures and field trips to locations throughout the Washington DC area. Like a "study abroad" program, this is an academically intense experience, with students in residence at the Smithsonian. Through active learning and field work students will emerge from the "Conservation Semester" prepared for conservation-related professions and/or graduate study related to biodiversity and conservation.

*Video:* <http://mccs.gmu.edu/semester.html>



Training current and future generations in conservation studies.

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The 3200 acre campus of the Smithsonian National Zoo's Conservation and Research Center (CRC) in Front Royal, Virginia is the hub for initiatives to protect species and habitats.

Jessie Cohen, Smithsonian's National Zoo

## Admission Requirements

At least 60 credits; some college level coursework in the biological or environmental sciences; Smithsonian standard background check and finger-printing (at no cost to the student.).

## Tuition and Fees

As the accrediting institution, Mason will assess tuition, room/board, and a program fee.

Payments will be made in accordance with the schedule and policies published in the Mason Schedule of Classes. Email us for current rates. Out of state scholarships available: Apply now for Spring 2010.

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