Are you concerned about environmental challenges such as climate change and habitat destruction? You can combine a biological approach to ecology with a human perspective rooted in the social sciences, to develop an understanding of the complex problems threatening our world. You'll also acquire the strong background necessary for advanced study.

**Program Description**

Ecology is the study of the distribution and abundance of organisms, the interactions among organisms, and the interactions between organisms and the physical environment. Conservation biology is an applied science based on ecological principles that focuses on conserving biological diversity and on restoring degraded ecosystems.

Arizona State University is committed to a more sustainable world and sharing knowledge of conservation biology and ecology through the BS program in biological sciences with a concentration in conservation biology and ecology is one critical component to help meet this global challenge.

Conservation biologists at ASU investigate the impact of humans on Earth's biodiversity and develop practical approaches to prevent the extinction of species and promote the sustainable use of biological resources. Some investigate the causes of ecosystem degradation and use ecological principles to reestablish desired conditions in a variety of ecosystems, including rivers, wetlands, grasslands, urban landscapes and forests.

This program is available as an accelerated degree program.  
[https://sols.asu.edu/degree-programs/accelerated-bachelor-master-science](https://sols.asu.edu/degree-programs/accelerated-bachelor-master-science)

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit The College's website for more information and requirements.  
At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus or Online, ASU Local

- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 251 - Calculus for Life Sciences
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 Major Map (On-campus)
2022 - 2023 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a double major) earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- Biology (Biology and Society), MS
- Biology, MS
- Global Management, MGM
- Microbiology, MS
- Molecular and Cellular Biology, MS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements
General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

**Freshman** | **Transfer** | **International** | **Readmission**

**Change of Major Requirements**

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Attend Online**

**ASU Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](https).

**ASU Local**

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with ASU Local, an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support. Those interested may learn more about ASU Local [here](https).

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU™](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

When studying abroad, students are able to engage in community service and outreach, which can help them stand out in graduate study or a professional career. Students experience unique biological environments and gain an understanding of conservation biology practices worldwide. Study abroad programs exist across the globe, including a summer in Panama and a year in Ireland. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)
The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in biological sciences with a concentration in conservation biology and ecology [https://goglobal.asu.edu/students.major/sls/biological-sciences-biomedical-sciences](https://goglobal.asu.edu/students.major/sls/biological-sciences-biomedical-sciences).

### Career Opportunities

The curriculum prepares students with skills and concepts for employment and provides a solid platform for students who wish to attend graduate school. Graduates are prepared for careers with:

- governmental agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency and state game and fish departments
- K-12 education, colleges and universities
- nongovernmental organizations such as The Nature Conservancy and Conservation International
- private companies focused on environmental resources, environmental law or environmental economics

The concentration can provide training in specific skills that might be needed in these areas:

- animal and plant physiology, identification and ecology
- behavioral ecology and population biology
- community, ecosystem and landscape ecology
- conservation of endangered species
- ecology of different habitats, including cities, lakes, rivers and grasslands
- restoration of degraded ecosystems

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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