Natural Resource Policy and Management Specialization

What do I do in this specialization?

- **Conduct applied research and analysis** to reverse the decline of the oceans, forests, wildlife, water, and other natural resources.
- **Learn how to lead and manage nature conservation efforts** across multiple geographical scales, from local projects to national programs to global policies.
- **Acquire in-depth expertise in project evaluation** to maximize your career impact and opportunities.

Why should I become a natural resource policy and management specialist?

- **If you want cross-cutting leadership, management, and technical skills leading to a flexible, high-impact career,** then this specialization is for you. It positions you to move across topics and locations, creating a unique professional path that fits your diverse interests.

What courses might I study?

- **Conservation Project Design and Evaluation**
- **Applied Conservation Science (required)**
- **Design, Partnering, Management, and Innovation (DPMI)**
- **Sustainable Agriculture**
- **Fundraising Methods and Strategy**
- **Environmental Conflict Management**
- **Program Evaluation**
- **Corporate Environmental Activism**
- **Environmental Assessment**
- **Green Business Feasibility Assessment**
- **Sustainable Cities**
- **International Renewable Energy Policy**

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How do I gain professional experience?

- **Through internships** with leading resource conservation and policy organizations around the Monterey Bay and beyond.
- **By participating in DPMI-Plus** after completing the basic Design, Partnering, Management, and Innovation (DPMI) course. This field-based opportunity embeds you within a relevant organization where you can hone your skills in facilitation, strategic partnering, social entrepreneurship, program evaluation, and more.
- **By participating in our unique International Professional Service Semester (IPSS) program**, a research-focused, four- to six-month "super internship" within a major organization that interests you.

How will the Institute help me become a specialist in this field?

- **Our staff for professional immersive learning and special programs** advises students on how to find the best placement for their professional practicum in their final semester.
- **Our faculty guide and mentor you** during your studies on campus and while you carry out your immersive learning, wherever you are located in the world.
- **Our Center for Advising and Career Services (CACS)** provides students and alumni with customized advising and professional development services.
- **Our Alumni Relations Office** has a strong commitment to alumni relations to support your efforts in finding the right connections for your professional future.