



CONSERVATION BIOLOGY



A taught MSc programme at the University of Cape Town

Conservation biology is the study of how best to sustain and manage linked systems of people and nature. Conservation biology is increasingly important as human impacts on the biosphere become more significant.

The FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology at the Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cape Town offers an intensive, prestigious taught MSc in Conservation Biology for up to 14 students per year.

The aim of the Conservation Biology MSc programme is to produce graduates with a broad understanding of conservation issues and to provide them with the scientific background and tools to be able to analyse and solve practical, conservation-related problems. A synthetic, holistic approach is encouraged to problem solving and emphasis is also placed on developing oral and written communication skills. This approach produces graduates who compete successfully in the job market and make a difference in the field. Students are provided with a broad-based education that will stand them in good stead in Africa and throughout the world.

Course dates for 2025: 13 Jan 2025 – mid-Feb 2026

The course will be taught face-to-face in Cape Town.

Further information and application documents:

<https://science.uct.ac.za/fitzpatrick/Fitzpatrick/study-research-opportunities-conservation-biology-msc/conservation-biology-msc-overview>; email: fitz@uct.ac.za



**Applications
for 2025
close
31 August
2024**

Eligible African students are also encouraged to apply for the following scholarships:

<http://www.mcfsp.uct.ac.za/how-apply> (open **July–September 2024**)

<https://www.nrf.ac.za/dsi-nrf-postgraduate-student-funding-for-the-2025-academic-year/>
(now closing ***19 July 2024***)