

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

INFORMATION	
Campus Site	Stenden South Africa (Koffyblaagte Game Lodge)
Department	International Hotel Management
Target Groups	All programs (except OLB, IBMS)
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Entry level and Conditions	(Conditional) Positive Study Advice
Availability	Module 1, 2, 3 and 4 / max. 24 students
Extra	The Minor is on a game reserve and not at the same site in Port Alfred

INTRODUCTION NICHE MARKET

Ecotourism has now become the fastest growing industry in South Africa, overshadowing the country's biggest source of income; gold. Wildlife managers actively apply conservation principles and strive to be environmental friendly as well as economically and ecologically sustainable. Conserving our natural heritage is becoming increasingly important and more emphasis is being placed on ecological friendliness, both in one's personal life and professional life.

INTRODUCTION MINOR

Wildlife management offers a life-changing experience. Students learn about conservation and the natural environment and how to apply basic conservation principles to wildlife management operations, as well as their personal choice of study. This program also develops interpersonal skills, where students in different lines of study are forced to work together in a secluded environment. The Minor is based on a remote game reserve, which gives students an in depth and real wildlife based experience.

EDUCATIONAL METHOD

- Problem Based Learning (8 problems)
- Excursions (in which educational content will be tested)
- Lectures (e.g. Conservation, bush encroachment, erosion and alien species, Animal behaviour)
- Workshops (Mammals, Botany, Birds, Amphibians, Reptiles, Arthropods and Freshwater fish)
- Practicals (Bush Walk, Game Drive, Fishing, Addo Elephant Park, Cheetah breeding, reptile center, rifle training, survival and more)

OBJECTIVES

- Develop a new understanding about the natural environment
- Follow conservation principles
- Setting up and management of any type of game reserve or conservation area
- Writing a professional and implementable management plan
- Develop social skills by living and working together with other students in a secluded environment
- Gaining practical competencies by handling different types of equipment and animals

ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

You can earn 15 EC's for this module. During the module you will be assessed by means of Individual participation, reports for workshops and practicals. Furthermore, there will be a mid-module test consisting of short questions and in the end of the module you will be assessed with a module test (open questions) and a module assignment. The module assignment consists of two parts, a presentation and written management plan which can be done in pairs.

