PERSONAL STATEMENT

The Personal Statement Requirement is a writing assignment completed your senior year. It allows you to work with your faculty advisor and connect your UW-Madison experiences to your future goals. Some examples include a personal plan for graduate school, a cover letter for a job or internship or a one to two page paper that addresses the topics below.

REQUIREMENTS

Talk with your faculty advisor during your final year or earlier to talk through the personal statement expectations. Through your conversations and writing, you will be assessed by your faculty advisor on your ability to express the following Conservation Biology major learning goal:

**Identify, interpret and communicate conservation ideas, needs and programs to others.**

1. Identify a conservation program of interest – a program you have personal experience with or have researched.

2. Share your interpretation of the program’s mission and any notable conservation ideas related to the program.

3. Through your research or experience, identify particular program needs and/or related obstacles to meeting those needs.

RESOURCES

**UW-Madison’s Writing Center**
www.writing.wisc.edu
Call 608-263-1992 to make an appointment

**Conservation Biology Student Services Coordinator**
Ginny Jackson
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**SuccessWorks – L&S career services**
Go to www.careers.ls.wisc.edu/students and choose the “Tips and Tools” tab for resumes, cover letters, and graduate school preparation information
For more info and to schedule an appointment visit: https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/

*Between every two pine trees there is a door leading to a new way of life.*
- John Muir’s marginal note in volume I of Prose Works by Ralph Waldo Emerson