



# RWFM 489/689

## *SPECIAL TOPICS IN* **CONSERVATION FUNDING**

This 3-hr. synchronous course provides a broad understanding of conservation finance, exploring its historical evolution, funding mechanisms, financial analysis techniques, and policy frameworks. Students will gain insights into innovative financing models, public-private partnerships, application of ecosystem service valuation to conservation, and emerging trends in the field. The course will combine theoretical knowledge with practical insights through case studies, guest lectures, and class discussions, equipping students with the foundation necessary to begin navigating the landscape of conservation finance.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- Apply the principles of conservation finance to real-world scenarios.
- Identify and analyze various funding mechanisms and financial instruments commonly used in conservation projects.
- Understand and apply basic methods for valuing ecosystem services and natural capital.
- Examine how current policies, regulatory frameworks, and institutional trends influence the financing of conservation initiatives.

### **Questions?**

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