



NATURE CONSERVATION & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

FULL-TIME 2027
Weekday classes

STARTS 22 FEBRUARY
Orientation: 18 - 19 February

**Textbooks & study material
are included in course fees**

Overview

The growth of wildlife tourism and game lodges, together with rising environmental awareness, has created strong demand for skilled and passionate conservation professionals. This two-year Nature Conservation and Wildlife Management (NCWM) programme trains aspiring nature guides and equips them for careers in ecotourism and game reserve management.

While classroom learning builds your foundation, true understanding comes from experience. Each semester includes guided excursions, culminating in a comprehensive 28-day practical in a Big Five game reserve.

Field Guides Association of Southern Africa (FGASA) Endorsed

Various Unigrad College programmes are endorsed by FGASA, promoting the development of guides using training programmes that conform to high standards of learner development. The Association promotes the highest standards of guide assessment through their registered, qualified and experienced assessors.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Game Ranger
- Field Guide
- Safari Guide
- Conservation Officer
- Game Lodge Manager
- Wildlife Tour Operator
- Wildlife Protection

Full-time course duration

2 years, with weekday lectures presented by qualified professionals. See the next page for subjects.

Admission requirements

National Senior Certificate (Grade 12).

If you are currently in Grade 12 you apply with your final grade 11 results and the most recent grade 12 results available. Should you be accepted on the above you are still required to pass Grade 12.

Applicants who do not meet the standard admission requirements may apply for special consideration. The Unigrad advisory board will review these applications on a case-by-case basis.

Fees and study material (full-time)

Fees include textbooks and course material.

The 28-day nature reserve practical, 1st Aid, and rifle handling are excluded from the 2nd year course fees.

Course fees can be paid either in full or in convenient monthly instalments. Speak to a Unigrad Career Consultant for detailed information on fees and payment options. Unigrad College also partners with Student Hero and Capitec to offer funding solutions, visit <https://www.unigradcollege.co.za/funding-options/> to learn more.



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Subjects

1 st year	2 nd year
Nature Studies I	Nature Studies II
Wildlife Management I & II	Game Lodge Management (Hospitality)
Guiding Skills	Conservation Concepts
Nature Practicals	Tails Guiding
	Environmental Law

Additional Certification

First Aid	Basic Rifle Handling
28-Day Game Reserve Bush Practical	Wine Appreciation

Certification

Successful students will receive the following:

FGASA Endorsed:

- Nature Conservation and Wildlife Management Learning Programme Certificate
- Field Guiding Short Learning Programme Certificate
- Game Lodge Management Short Learning Programme Certificate



Additional Certification:

- SASSETA Basic Rifle Handling Unit Standard Certificate
- First Aid Certificate
- 28 Day Nature and Wildlife Practical Service Provider (Level 1)



What are Learning and Short Learning Programmes?

Today's dynamic world demands a wide range of practical skills and abilities. At Unigrad College, our Learning Programmes (LPs) and Short Learning Programmes (SLPs) are designed to get you job-ready with hands-on, industry-relevant training.

LPs bring subjects together into a full year of study, and when you finish, you'll receive a Learning Programme Certificate to showcase your achievement. SLPs are focused courses that give you quick, targeted skills for individuals seeking employment, career advancement or entrepreneurs who are just starting out or wanting to expand their skill set. Whilst LPs and SLPs are non-credit bearing, such as those appearing on the NQF and registered with SAQA, their key benefit is that they provide practical, industry-focused learning that helps students grow their knowledge quickly and effectively.

Disclaimer

The information contained in this fact sheet is accurate at the time of printing. However, factors beyond the control of Unigrad (such as environmental, regulatory or technical changes) may cause the contents of this fact sheet, or of the programme to change. In the event of any such change, Unigrad will formally notify current students. All possible measures will be taken to minimise inconvenience to students.

I _____ (student/legal guardian), hereby acknowledge that I understand the information stated in this document and fully comprehend the specifics explained above pertaining to this programme.

Date: _____ Student/legal guardian signature: _____



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