

NATURAL RESOURCE COMPLIANCE

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Focusing on the core of conservation enforcement – “bears and bad guys,” as one instructor explains – the Natural Resource Compliance program turns the outdoor activities you enjoy into a career you’ll love. If you’re thinking of a career in conservation enforcement, start in the Natural Resource Compliance program.

You’ll put in two fast-paced years learning about natural resources and how to detect and investigate natural resource violations through a mixture of lectures, labs and field trips. With our blend of academic and practical learning, you’ll be equipped with the skills and knowledge to begin upholding the law and protecting the resources of our beautiful landscape and wildlife.

Employability

- Natural Resource Law Enforcement Officer positions have specific physical requirements such as vision, hearing and physical fitness. The specific requirements differ with each agency. It is the applicant’s responsibility to confirm that they meet the requirements of the agencies with which they hope to work.
- Persons with a criminal record may have difficulty competing for jobs as Conservation Enforcement Officers in Canada.
- Employers often require that students hold a valid Standard First Aid or Wilderness First Aid Certificate and/or a CPR Certificate to be eligible for seasonal and/or permanent employment. Students are encouraged to obtain these certificates either prior to entering the program or during the first term.
- A number of workshops and short courses sponsored by various agencies are available on evenings and weekends. Students are encouraged to attend these sessions to enhance their credentials for employment.

Field Studies Supplies

Students on field studies are expected to provide their own equipment and supplies. This may include:

- 30 cm metric steel ruler
- adequate clothing for cold/wet weather
- backpack for gear
- binoculars
- digital camera (standard feature)
- field equipment vest (recommended)
- food
- hiking boots
- orienteering compass
- sunscreen
- safety glasses
- water bottle
- warm sleeping bag
- work gloves
- “write-in-the-rain” treated field notebook/surveyors book

Equipment and supplies may not be required in all courses or terms. Please consult the course outlines for specific equipment required before purchasing. Field studies schedules are dependent on many variables and may require students to participate on weekends. All program field studies require mandatory attendance.

Other Required Supplies

Available from Lethbridge College Bookstore:

- 16x hand lens
- dissection kit
- lab coat
- metric triangular scale with 1:1, 1:2, 1:5, 1:10, 1:20 and 1:50 graduations
- safety glasses
- “write-in-the-rain” field notebook/surveyors book

Available from Sporting, Hardware and Office Supply Stores:

- 4 GB or higher USB memory stick
- 12 or more coloured pencils (pencil crayons)
- 30 cm metric steel ruler
- binoculars (8X40 or 10X50 magnification)
- chest waders (rubber soled)
- clipboard
- Nexus Type 115 or Silva Ranger compass (with declination adjustment screw)
- scientific calculator (\$15-\$30 range)

For additional information concerning lab or field equipment, contact the lab coordinator at 403.320.3202 ext. 5594.

Your Investment

Program fees will vary. To view fee information for your program, go to lethbridgecollege.ca/programs (<https://lethbridgecollege.ca/programs/>) and select your program.

Students are responsible for the cost of the field trips relating to this program.

Graduation

Upon successful completion of all program requirements, students are awarded a Natural Resource Compliance diploma.