

PROFESSIONAL LAND MANAGEMENT SKILLS CERTIFICATE

The Professional Land Management Skills Certificate is for Western students looking to develop in-depth comprehension and a core set of technical skills in professional land management. Through a variety of interdisciplinary electives, students are encouraged to customize their elective coursework toward their personal professional pathway. The Professional Land Management Skills Certificate complements any course of study at Western and is particularly valuable for students seeking employment in resource production, energy development, utilities, mining, infrastructure, construction, land management, conservation, reclamation, or similar fields.

Program Benefits

Students who complete the Professional Land Management Skills Certificate will develop a core set of professional competencies including, but not limited to: a basic understanding of contract and real property law, the skills needed to negotiate and draft effective and sustainable contracts, the ability to read and write legal property descriptions, an understanding of rights and interests tied to property ownership, the ability to utilize mapping and other land management software, and the utilization of public records systems to chain title and identify property rights and ownership.

Admission and Requirements

Students are responsible for completing all necessary course prerequisites. For the purpose of this certificate, BUAD 492 Independent Study, BUAD 499 Internship in Business Administration, and BUAD 397 Special Topics courses must be related to the field of land management.

A minimum of 15 credits is required.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Required Core for the Professional Land Management Certificate | | |
| BUAD 320 | Property and Contracts | 3 |
| GEOG 340 | INTRO GEOGRAPHIC INFO SYSTEMS | 3 |
| Select nine credits of the following: | | 9 |
| BUAD 240 | Strategic Negotiations | |
| BUAD 420 | Energy Law and Regulation | |
| BUAD 421 | Energy Contracts | |
| BUAD 492 | Independent Study | |
| BUAD 499 | Internship in Business Administration | |
| ENVS 260 | Introduction to Public Lands Management | |
| GEOG 222 | Our Digital Earth | |
| GEOG 375 | Web GIS | |
| Total Credits | | 15 |