Conflict Management of Virginia Wildlife Resources. The Commonwealth of Virginia has abundant wildlife resources, but some species have issues in their management in the human space, particularly when their existence results in negative impacts with humans. Large numbers of deer in some urban areas have negative consequences with humans, either being hit by automobiles or when they consume plants valued by humans. The non-indigenous naturalized wild canid the coyote frequently results in conflict with farmers and urban pet owners, and what strategies have been used to abate this animal. As another management issue would there be a benefit for the reintroduction of red wolves into Virginia? The management issue extends to water species, such as snakehead fish, and marsh affecting species like nutria.

The intent of this seminar course will be to expose the graduate students to several wildlife management conflicts, and the different positions taken to address these cases.