

MAJOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Environmental studies delve into some of the most significant issues of our day, such as anthropogenic climate change, urban pollution and possible threats to human health. You learn how to use applied research tools and management principles that can be applied in a variety of areas, such as conducting environmental impact assessments and resource management.

Learn more about this program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-arts/geography-environment-geomatics/undergraduate/environmental-studies/>)

Program Requirements

The table below includes only the discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (<https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policies-regulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/>) for information on the Honours bachelor's with double major and the Honours bachelor's with major and minor.

Co-operative education is available with this program when taken as part of an honours degree.

The French immersion stream is available when taken as part of an honours degree.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2025-2026 calendar (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Compulsory courses

BIO 1131	Introduction to Organismal Biology	3 Units
ECO 1104	Introduction to Microeconomics	3 Units
ENV 1101	Global Environmental Challenges	3 Units
GEG 1301	The Physical Environment	3 Units
GEG 1302	Places and Spaces of Human Activity	3 Units
ENV 2301	History of Environmental Thought	3 Units
ENV 2304	Climatology	3 Units
ENV 2918	Introduction to Field Research ¹	3 Units
GEG 2320	GIS and the Digital Earth	3 Units
ENV 3321	Human and Policy Dimensions of Environmental Change	3 Units
ENV 4104	Methodological and Theoretical Approaches in Geography and Environmental Studies	3 Units
ENV 4120	Research Seminar in Environmental Studies	3 Units

Optional courses

3 optional course units from:	3 Units
ENV 4113	Selected Topics in Environmental Issues
ENV 4129	Global Climate Change
3 optional course units from:	3 Units
ENV 4001	Northern Field Research
ENV 4002	Tropical Field Research
ENV 4910	Environmental Studies Field Research
GEG 4100	Glaciology Field Research
GEG 4920	Urban Geography Field Research

GEG 4921 Physical Geography Field Research

Total:

42 Units

¹ ENV 2918 caters to both English and French students. This course is taught "bi-unilingually".