

2015-2016 Graduate Calendar

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Introduction

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Name Changes

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The University undertakes to protect the privacy of each student and the confidentiality of his or her record. To this end the University shall refuse to disclose personal information to any person other than the individual to whom the information relates where disclosure would constitute an unjustified invasion of the personal privacy of that person or of any other individual. All members of the University community must respect the confidential nature of the student information which they acquire in the course of their work.

Complete policy at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/policies>.

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Environmental Sciences

The School of Environmental Sciences offers program of study leading to MSc, MES, PhD, and Graduate Diploma degrees. Graduate Studies in the Environmental Sciences programs are designed to train people to work independently and imaginatively with a high level of technical skill and scientific acumen. It is expected that the graduates of the SES program will provide leadership in research and training in academic, government, and industrial sectors of society and who will participate in the formulation and implementation of constructive national and international science policy.

The PhD program has three fields of specialization: 1) earth and atmospheric sciences; 2) ecosystem science and biodiversity; and 3) plant and environmental health.

- Earth and Atmospheric Sciences – Research areas include: soil biology and soil physics, sedimentology, geobiology, soil chemistry, geochemistry, micrometeorology and air quality, soil and land resource management
- Ecosystem Science and Biodiversity – Research areas include: toxicology, pest management, management of agroecosystems, microbiology, forest systems, agroforestry, climate change biology, ecology, and insect systematics and taxonomy
- Plant & Environmental Health – Research areas include: plant biology, plant pathology, epidemiology, soil-plant interactions, biotechnology, molecular biology, forest systems, agroforestry, and climate change biology

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MSc Program

The objective of the MSc program is to develop and train graduate students that possess a high level of knowledge about the field of environmental science, expertise in specific aspects of environmental science (their thesis research focus), training in laboratory and field techniques, and excellence in writing and oral communication. With these skills, MSc students will possess a strong foundation on which they can be highly successful in science-related positions in government, industry, and consulting, or carry out high quality research at the PhD level.

Admission Requirements

The School's admission standard for the MSc program is the same as the University and requires a four-year, honours science degree with a minimum B- (70-72%) average during the final two years (4 semesters) of full time undergraduate study. Meeting the minimum requirement (B-) does not guarantee entrance; depending on other criteria (e.g., letters of reference, standardized test scores, academic background relevant to the area to which the applicant has applied, degree of work experience in related fields of study) students may be considered for admission with provisional status. Students on provisional status must obtain a "B" average (70%) in at least two graduate courses during their first two semesters of study to continue in the program. Provisional students will be funded at the same level as regular students.

Degree Requirements

The MSc thesis program requires:

- At least 1.5 graduate course credits, including one mandatory 0.50 credit course (Research Seminar in Environmental Sciences).
- Completion and defense of a thesis on research carried out under the direct supervision of a core faculty member.

The thesis and the oral defense of the thesis are evaluated on a pass/fail basis. An acceptable MSc thesis consists of a defensible account of the student's research. The project is expected to represent a well-defined research problem, or hypothesis, and should be planned such that the clarity of the underlying rationale, the appropriateness of the technical approach, the research, and the critical evaluation of the results could normally be completed and the thesis defended within six semesters.

MES Program

The MES (coursework Master's) degree enables students to study the most recent theoretical and technical advances in the environmental sciences through multidisciplinary teaching and research. There are two options to the MES in Environmental Sciences: by coursework + research project and by coursework-only. The MES will promote critical thinking and enhance oral and written communication skills so that graduates can excel in industry, government and other sectors of civil society (e.g., environmental risk assessors/managers, political advisors on policy/law issues in government, senior positions in national and international agencies, etc.).

Admission Requirements

The School's admission standard for the MES program is the same as the University and requires a four-year, honours science degree with a minimum B- (70-72%) average during the final two years (4 semesters) of full time undergraduate study. Meeting the minimum requirement (B-) does not guarantee entrance; depending on other criteria (e.g., letters of reference, standardized test scores, academic background relevant to the area to which the applicant has applied, degree of work experience in related fields of study) students may be considered for admission with provisional status. Students on provisional status must obtain a "B" average (70%) in at least two graduate courses during their first semester of study to continue in the program. Provisional students will be funded at the same level as regular students

MES Degree Requirements

Coursework + Project Option

Candidates must complete a minimum of 4.0 credits

- ENVS*6500 [1.0] The Environmental Science Research Project
- ENVS*6501 F [0.5] Advanced Topics in Environmental Science
- ENVS*6502 W [0.5] Seminar in Environmental Science
- Two additional credits from Environmental Sciences courses

The research project may be completed at the University or as part of a placement with an approved non-academic agency. The project may include analysis of a data set (derived from lab, field, or computer simulation) related to the specialization chosen by the student including analyses and interpretations of relevant data (the student may or may not be involved in collecting the data), or major, critical literature review. The outcome of the research project will be a written report and a seminar presented to the department.

Coursework option

Candidates must complete a minimum of 4.0 credits

- ENVS*6501 F [0.5] Advanced Topics in Environmental Science
- ENVS*6502 W [0.5] Seminar in Environmental Science
- Three additional credits from Environmental Sciences courses

Students in either option may select courses from other departments on campus but are advised that access may be restricted and permission may be required by course instructors.

PhD Program

The PhD is offered in the following fields: 1) earth and atmospheric sciences; 2) ecosystems science and biodiversity; and 3) plant and environmental health. The objectives of the PhD program are to develop highly competent, independent, creative, and critical scientists. Doctoral students of the SES graduate program will provide leadership as scholars in academic institutions, as managers and officers in the industrial research and development sector, research and policy branches within the government sector and in other social institutions. Research in the PhD program is expected to be original and novel, contribute significantly to the relevant research field, and published in high-quality peer-reviewed journals.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the PhD program is generally restricted to students with a recognized MSc degree in a related field obtained with a minimum academic standing of "A-" (≥80%) in their postgraduate studies. Students who meet the minimum University requirement (73-76%) but not the School requirement (≥80%) may be considered depending on other criteria (e.g., letters of reference, standardized test scores, academic background relevant to the area to which the applicant has applied, degree of work experience in related field of study) for admission with provisional status. Students on provisional status must obtain an "A-" (≥80%) average in at least two graduate courses during their first two semesters of study to continue in the program. Provisional students will be funded at the same level as regular students. In exceptional cases, students may enter the PhD program directly from a BSc (Hons) if they have the minimum requirements as defined by the Office of Studies, University of Guelph.

Degree Requirements

The PhD program requires:

- Completion of one mandatory 0.50 credit course (Research Seminar in Environmental Sciences).
- Successful completion of a qualifying exam within five semesters of first registration in the program
- Successful defense of a thesis describing original research, carried out under the direct supervision of a core faculty member.

In the PhD program, the qualifying exam, thesis and the oral defense of the thesis are evaluated on a pass/fail basis. An acceptable PhD thesis consists of an authoritative report of the student's research. The project is expected to represent a well-defined research problem, or hypothesis, and should be planned such that the research could normally be completed and the thesis defended in nine semesters (12 semesters for those students transferring from the MSc program). The research described in the thesis must represent a significant contribution to knowledge in that field. Emphasis is therefore placed on the quality of the presentation, maturity in scholarship, breadth and depth of the work, and critical judgement. Successful completion of the PhD thesis occurs when the research is judged to be sufficiently meritorious to warrant publication in reputable, peer-reviewed journals in its field. PhD students are normally expected to have published, or have "in-press", one or more papers in peer-reviewed journals prior to the defense. In cases involving intellectual property, it is recognized that publication may not always be immediately possible. In such cases, a Pass will require that the committee is satisfied that, in their opinion, the work is of sufficient quality and originality that it would meet the standards for peer-reviewed publications.

Graduate Diploma Program

The objective of the Graduate Diploma is to provide highly focused training, education, and practical experience in Environmental Sciences. The Graduate Diploma is well-suited to recent undergraduate students, graduate students, and professionals seeking enhanced practical knowledge and experience associated with the application of current technologies and methods.

Admission Requirements

The minimum requirement for admission to the Graduate Diploma in Environmental Sciences is a baccalaureate, in an honours program or the equivalent, from a recognized university or college. The applicant must have achieved an average standing of at least a 'B-' in the work of the last four semesters or the last two undergraduate years (full-time equivalent). The program directors may waive some requirements for students with substantive work experience. Students will apply to the Department's Graduate Admissions Committee through the normal University application process.

Diploma Requirements

The Graduate Diploma requires:

- Completion of 2.0 credits (four 0.5 credit courses):

ENVS*6503	[0.50]	Biogeochemistry of Wetlands
ENVS*6504	[0.50]	Classification and Assessment of Aquatic Systems
ENVS*6505	[0.50]	Soil Survey and Interpretation
ENVS*6506	[0.50]	Forest Ecosystem Patterns and Processes

Collaborative Programs

Toxicology MSc/PhD

The School of Environmental Sciences participates in the MSc/PhD program in toxicology. The faculty members' research and teaching expertise includes aspects of toxicology; they may serve as advisors for MSc and PhD students.

Please consult the Toxicology listing for a detailed description of the MSc/PhD collaborative program and faculty associated with this program.

Interdepartmental Programs

International Development Studies MSc

The School of Environmental Sciences participates in the MSc program in International Development Studies.

Please consult the International Development Studies listing for a detailed description of this program.

Courses

ENVS*6000 Physical Environment of Crops and Forests F [0.50]
Recent literature on temperature, humidity, radiation, wind, gases and particles in crop and forest environments; evapotranspiration and photosynthesis of plant communities; modification of microclimates; applied micrometeorology.
<i>Offering(s):</i> Offered in even-numbered years.
<i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6040 Molecular Basis of Plant-Microbe Interactions F [0.50]
A lecture and seminar course on recent advances in the study of plant-microbe interactions. Topics included are the biochemical, physiological and genetic aspects of plant defenses and the interaction of plants with pathogenic and mutualistic bacteria, fungi and viruses. Offered in conjunction with PBIO*4000. Extra work is required of graduate students.
<i>Restriction(s):</i> Credit may be obtained for only one of ENVS*6040 or PBIO*4000.
<i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences

ENVS*6050 Micrometeorology W [0.50]
Exchanges of mass, momentum and energy between the surface and the atmosphere will be studied in the context of larger-scale meteorology. Diffusion and turbulence in and above plant canopies will be examined from theoretical and practical perspectives. Topics include time-series analysis, micrometeorological measurement theory, and basic principles of atmospheric science. <i>Offering(s):</i> Offered in even-numbered years. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6060 Meteorological Instrumentation W [0.50]
Theoretical and practical aspects of electronic circuits, sensors, and equipment used in meteorological research. <i>Prerequisite(s):</i> ENVS*4210 or equivalent <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6190 Environmental Microbial Technology U [0.50]
Current topics in selected areas of environmental microbial technology. An emphasis will be placed on the physiology and genetics of microorganisms useful in environmental biotechnology. The course involves extensive use of current journal articles. <i>Restriction(s):</i> Undergraduate degree in microbiology or related discipline. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6242 Special Topics in Atmospheric Science F,W,S [0.50]
Students will explore topics within atmospheric science such as climatology, animal biometeorology, air pollution meteorology, and hydrometeorology. Normally, an independent course of study will be developed with a faculty advisor and one or more students in the semester prior to enrollment. Occasionally, the course will be offered as a lecture/seminar in a particular area, to be advertised in the semester prior to offering. Typically, students will produce a major paper or scientific report. <i>Restriction(s):</i> Instructor consent required. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6250 Soil Genesis and Classification F [0.50]
A discussion of world soil regions for students not specializing in soil genesis. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6280 Soil Physics W [0.50]
The soil as a physical system with special regard to soil water movement and the diffusion and dispersion of chemical substances. Numerical techniques and computer solutions will be developed. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6340 Colloquium in Insect Systematics W [0.25]
Weekly discussions and seminars dealing with current topics in systematic entomology. <i>Offering(s):</i> Offered in odd-numbered years. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6350 Soil Organic Matter and Biochemistry F [0.50]
(1) Soil organic matter characterization, (2) dynamics of soil organic matter, (0.5) nutrient cycling. <i>Offering(s):</i> Offered in odd-numbered years. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6360 Soil and Water Chemistry F [0.50]
Thermodynamics of soil solutions; solution-solid phase equilibria; reaction kinetics; computer modelling of solute-mineral interactions. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6400 Soil Nitrogen Fertility and Crop Production W [0.50]
Emphasis will be placed on soil N transformations and processes, and N sources for crops; field experimentation methods; environmental issues. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6440 Field Sampling Strategies and Geostatistics W [0.50]
Concepts and practical aspects of collecting, synthesizing and interpreting data from spatially and temporally variable and/or correlated fields. Hands-on experience in describing spatial structure of large data sets (supplied by student or instructor) using available software. <i>Offering(s):</i> Offered in even-numbered years. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences

ENVS*6452 Special Topics in Ecosystem Science and Biodiversity F,W,S [0.50]
Students will explore topics within ecosystem science such as terrestrial ecology, forest science, aquatic systems and environmental biology. Normally, an independent course of study will be developed with a faculty advisor and one or more students in the semester prior to enrollment. Occasionally, the course will be offered as a lecture/seminar in a particular area, to be advertised in the semester prior to offering. Typically, students will produce a major paper or scientific report. <i>Restriction(s):</i> Instructor consent required. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6460 Environmental Remediation W [0.50]
This course will discuss environmental remediation topics including, but not limited to, using plants, microorganisms and substrates (e.g., soil and engineered materials) to improve air, water and soil quality. For example, this course will explore the current sciences and technologies of living walls to improve indoor air quality, green roofs to manage storm water and air pollutants, and constructed wetlands to treat wastewater. Environmental remediation is, by nature, multidisciplinary, involving chemistry, physics, biology, engineering, landscape design, etc. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6470 The Science and Management of Multiple Stressors in the Great Lakes F [0.50]
In this two-week lecture-field course, students will learn about historical and current environmental issues affecting the Great Lakes basin from the perspective of multiple stressors and their cumulative impacts. The importance of linking science and policy, and the role important of governments, are emphasized. <i>Restriction(s):</i> Instructor consent required. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6500 Environmental Sciences Research Project U [1.00]
A concise, critical review of an area of study related to the field chosen by the student including analyses and interpretation of relevant data. The project will be written in the form of a scientific paper and presented to the department as a seminar. <i>Restriction(s):</i> Available only to students registered in the Environmental Sciences: MES program. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6501 Advanced Topics in Environmental Science F [0.50]
Using a case-study approach with material drawn from current and historical issues, students will develop an advanced understanding of current issues in the environmental sciences, including the underlying science basis, how the issues were managed, and the effectiveness of associated policies. <i>Restriction(s):</i> Instructor consent required. Preference will be given to students in the MES program. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6502 Seminar in Environmental Sciences W [0.50]
This course will provide an interactive and critical forum for students to participate in an advanced discussion and debate on current environmental issues, and to learn about the practical skill set(s) required by various employment sectors in solving these issues. <i>Restriction(s):</i> Instructor consent required. Preference will be given to students in the MES program. <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6503 Biogeochemistry of Wetlands S [0.50]
Wetlands have been called Nature's kidneys, and are a vital part of Ontario's environmental and economic sustainability. Wetland soil and water are critical substrates for maintaining healthy ecosystems and controlling contaminant flows. In this course, you will learn sampling and analysis techniques for conducting surveys and assessments of these crucial ecosystems. Basic chemistry (1st year university) is used as the foundation for exploring important biogeochemical cycles of major and trace elements. The course includes multiple field trips to wetlands in southern Ontario. <i>Restriction(s):</i> Restricted to students in the GDIP.ENVS and MES.ENVS:L programs <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences
ENVS*6504 Classification and Assessment of Aquatic Systems S [0.50]
A two-week course covering concepts and techniques related to the physiographical, hydrological, and biological characterization of freshwater aquatic systems. The course will involve periodic excursions to regional water bodies in southern Ontario for the purpose of demonstrating sampling techniques and conducting biological assessments. <i>Restriction(s):</i> Restricted to students in the GDIP.ENVS and MES.ENVS:L programs <i>Department(s):</i> School of Environmental Sciences

ENVS*6505 Soil Survey and Interpretation S [0.50]

A two-week course covering concepts and techniques related to the characterization of soil in the landscape. Focus will be given to soils encountered in southern Ontario, and involves a multi-day excursion to examine the distribution of soils in this region.

Restriction(s): Restricted to students in the GDIP.ENVS and MES.ENVS:L programs
Department(s): School of Environmental Sciences

ENVS*6506 Forest Ecosystem Patterns and Processes S [0.50]

A two-week course covering concepts and techniques related to the ecological characterization of forests. Focus will be on southern and mid-central Ontario forests and will involve periodic excursions to various locations for the purpose of demonstrating theoretical principles, sampling techniques, in-field measurements, and collecting samples for in-lab assessment and metric determination.

Restriction(s): Restricted to students in the GDIP.ENVS and MES.ENVS:L programs
Department(s): School of Environmental Sciences

ENVS*6520 Pollinator Biology F [0.50]

The biology of pollinators will be discussed in lectures and seminars stressing fundamental and applied aspects. The honey bee will be used as the model system.

Offering(s): Offered in odd-numbered years.
Department(s): School of Environmental Sciences

ENVS*6540 Integrated Pest Management - Insects W [0.50]

Concepts associated with integrated pest management of insect pests of various plant hosts will be introduced to students in an interactive lecture and laboratory format. Experiential learning and skill development, associated with economic entomology, will also be emphasized.

Offering(s): Offered annually
Restriction(s): Credit may be obtained for only one of ENVS*6540 and ENVS*4100
Department(s): School of Environmental Sciences

ENVS*6550 Bioactivity and Metabolism of Pesticides W [0.50]

The basis of pesticide bioactivity will be examined, with emphasis on mode of action, structure-activity relationships and analytical methods. Students will participate in seminars and prepare a research paper and/or conduct a laboratory research project in consultation with the instructor(s). Students in this course are expected to attend the lectures for ENVS*4240.

Department(s): School of Environmental Sciences

ENVS*6560 Forest Ecosystem Dynamics F [0.50]

An exploration of energy flow and distribution in forest ecosystems. Both components will be examined in the context of biomass and productivity, perturbations and resilience. Some aspects of modelling will be covered.

Offering(s): Offered in odd-numbered years.
Department(s): School of Environmental Sciences

ENVS*6582 Special Topics in Soil Science F,W,S [0.50]

Students will explore topics within soil science such as soil physics, pedology, soil chemistry and microbiology. Normally, an independent course of study will be developed with a faculty advisor and one or more students in the semester prior to enrollment. Occasionally, the course will be offered as a lecture/seminar in a particular area, to be advertised in the semester prior to offering. Typically, students will produce a major paper or scientific report.

Restriction(s): Instructor consent required.
Department(s): School of Environmental Sciences

ENVS*6700 Glacial Sedimentary Environments U [0.50]

Students will learn about the processes and deposits of glacial environments as well as the use of sedimentary records to reconstruct past glacial environments. Case studies from modern to ancient glacial sedimentary environments will be used. Field trip included.

Offering(s): Offered only as needed
Department(s): School of Environmental Sciences

ENVS*6710 Advanced Sedimentology U [0.50]

Topics covered through case studies of sedimentary deposits and environments include facies analysis, large scale controls, and novel techniques in sedimentology. Topics may also include specific sedimentary environments or specific sedimentary deposits such as turbidites, cross-bedded strata or seismites depending on student interest. (Offered only as needed)

Offering(s): Offered only as needed
Department(s): School of Environmental Sciences

ENVS*6730 Special Topics in Environmental Earth Science F,W,S [0.50]

Students will explore topics within environmental earth science such as glacial geology, environmental geophysics and hydrogeology. Normally, an independent course of study will be developed with a faculty advisor and one or more students in the semester prior to enrollment. Occasionally, the course will be offered as a lecture/seminar in a particular area, to be advertised in the semester prior to offering. Typically, students will produce a major paper or scientific report.

Restriction(s): Instructor consent required.
Department(s): School of Environmental Sciences

ENVS*6882 Special Topics in Plant and Environmental Health F,W,S [0.50]

Students will explore topics within plant and environmental health such as integrated pest management, apiculture and environmental microbiology. Normally, an independent course of study will be developed with a faculty advisor and one or more students in the semester prior to enrollment. Occasionally, the course will be offered as a lecture/seminar in a particular area, to be advertised in the semester prior to offering. Typically, students will produce a major paper or scientific report.

Restriction(s): Instructor consent required.
Department(s): School of Environmental Sciences

ENVS*6900 Research Seminar in Environmental Sciences F-W [0.50]

This course provides information and training in scientific presentations for thesis-based Environmental Sciences (ENVS) programs. Students will prepare a written research proposal and make an oral presentation of their proposed studies. Students are expected to complete this course in their second or third semester of study.

Restriction(s): Offered only to MSC.ENVS and PHD.ENVS students
Department(s): School of Environmental Sciences