Society has become more aware of the seriousness of the environmental problems we face. Yet, at the same time, we have realized that the solutions are not simple. To work towards environmental sustainability, people need to understand the multi-disciplinary nature of environmental problems. They need to have expertise in planning, policy and many other fields in addition to scientific principles to deal with the social, economic and cultural complexities that surround environmental issues.

Graduates of this program can pursue jobs in the private sector, government, and non-government organizations, as well as post-graduate studies.

Interdisciplinary training leads to opportunities in research, consulting, policy development and projects working on specific problems.

Many will continue to professional degrees in law, planning, business and public administration.

2021-22 major thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection

Data Analytics
Disability and Physical Activity
Employment Relations
Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity
French for Professionals
Geographic Information Science
Global Action and Engagement
Indigenous Languages and Cultures
International Studies
Media Studies
Sexual and Gender Diversity
Urban Planning Studies

That is a degree from Queen’s.

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In first year you will take Environment and Sustainability, and you’ll have the chance to explore the foundations of Environmental Science in biology, geography and geology along with some electives.

Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Earth Centre or Queen’s Backing Action on Climate Change. See Queen’s Sustainability webpage, the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas.

Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.

Take more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations.

Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC).

Do diverse careers (Queen’s network)

Connect hosted by...

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.

Consider studying abroad in the summer: look into taking BIOL 307, a China-Canada field course.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Career Opportunities in Conservation and the Environment.

For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!
A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Environmental Science. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

What will I learn?
A degree in Environmental Studies can equip you with:
- Interdisciplinary perspective to understand environmental topics from a scientific, philosophical and ethical point of view
- Understand natural and human factors related to environmental problems
- Knowledge of local, national, and global environmental problems and issues
- Analytical skills to analyze data for trends and apply statistical tests
- Ability to interpret data from scientific experimentation and make conclusions based on research
- Critical thinking to form, defend, and evaluate arguments and propose solutions
- Oral and written communication to create reports and give presentations
- Teamwork to work as a team on a long-term project
- Resource and time management

Where can I go?
A degree in Environmental Studies can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's or professional degree. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:
- Policy and planning
- Environmental assessment
- Environmental conflict resolution
- Resource management
- Meteorology
- Parks and natural reserves
- Transportation
- Waste management
- Water policy and governance

Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

Consider a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year. Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen's Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICSI).

Investigate full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. If interested, look for environmental opportunities through Planet Friendly.

Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.

Consider joining professional associations like the Ontario Environment Industry Association and the Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy.

Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Environmental Studies.

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications, or other decisions.

* This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone's abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online My Major Map tool.
Environmental Studies

Major Map

Why study in Kingston?
For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen’s has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen’s has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen’s – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

How to use this map
Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need
Queen’s provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen’s, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

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Queens’ Undergraduate Internship Program

Start dates
in May, September, or January

Positions
are paid and full-time

Work terms
are 12-16 months long

Program Overview
- Graduate with “Professional Internship” on your degree.
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

Eligibility
- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9

Why QUIP?
- Gain a year of career-related work experience.
- Build network connections.
- Receive support from Queen’s staff in job search and during internship.

Sample past internships
Planning Logistics Intern
Communications & Market Research Intern
Resource Conservation Technician
Queen’s & Program Development Intern
Technical Writer
Economic Analyst

For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

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Dubai / 14 hrs
Bermuda / 2 hrs

Houston / 3 hrs
San Francisco / 5.5 hrs

Calgary / 4 hrs
Vancouver / 5 hrs

New York / 1.5 hrs
Halifax / 2 hrs

Toronto

Budapest / 10 hrs
Warsaw / 8 hrs

Moscow / 16 hrs
Beijing / 15 hrs

Tokyo / 22 hrs

Chicago / 6 hrs

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