

Environmental Studies

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.

TOP 5 Reasons to study Environmental Studies

- 1 Dive in to messy, real-world problems. See academic knowledge in action, whether on campus or globally.
- 2 Gain transferable skills that employers want while learning how to prepare arguments and solve problems.
- 3 Help create the future world in which you want to live.
- 4 The best way to find solutions: combining both the arts and the sciences.
- 5 Research-focused courses in upper years contribute to projects happening across Canada and around the world.

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the [Experiential Learning website](#). You can also reach out to the team directly at asc.el@queensu.ca.

ALUMNI JOBS

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.

2023-24 Plan 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



Add a Certificate

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

Quartsci.com/certs

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

queensu.ca/ensc

2023-2024

Environmental Studies MA

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, JOINT HONOURS, MINOR



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.



IAJOR MAP

3RD YEAR

In third year you will take [ENSC 330](#), Applications of Sustainability, and have a chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Environmental Studies. Meet with an [Academic Advisor](#) to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

If interested, apply for an [Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship \(USSRF\)](#). Consider applying to do a 12-16 month [QUIP Internship](#) between your third and fourth year. Consider entrepreneurial opportunities through programs like the [Queen's Innovation Connector Summer Initiative \(QICSI\)](#).

Engage in targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group [Queen's Connects](#). Check out Career Services [networking workshops](#).

Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC.

Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

Think about [Internship Opportunities](#) abroad related to Environmental Studies.

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests like the LSAT or GMAT) and get [help thinking about Grad School](#) from Career Services. Check out what some of our grads are doing at [our website](#) or attend our annual [SES Graduate Search Day](#) at the end of the winter term.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based project 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).

Interested in working on a real-world problem with an actual client? Take [ASCX 400](#) and develop your consulting and project-management skills.

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.

Apply for the [Queen's Career Apprenticeship: Kingston \(QCA:K\)](#).

CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

CONSIDER A 12 MONTH QCA:K APPRENTICESHIP

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
- 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:

- Communications & Public Awareness
- Environmental assessment
- Environmental conflict resolution
- Parks and natural reserves
- Policy and planning
- Resource management
- 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.

Environmental Studies



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.



Queen's
UNIVERSITY

**ENVIRONMENTAL
STUDIES**

School of Environmental Studies
BioSciences Complex, Room 3134
116 Barrie Street
613-533-6602
queensu.ca/ensc

QUIP QUEEN'S 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 a "Professional Internship" 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



For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the [Program Website](#).

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.

We're closer than you think.

