Environmental Science

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 scientific basis of environmental problems. They also need to have expertise in planning, policy and other fields to deal with the social, economic and cultural complexities that surround them.

**TOP 5 Reasons To Study Environmental Science**

1. Hands-on lab and field work. Get dirty, see results
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.

**ALUMNI JOBS**

- 5% of alumni work in **UTILITIES**
- 13% of alumni work in **ENVIRONMENT SERVICES**
- 25% of alumni work in **GOVERNMENT & LAW**
- 33% of alumni work in **EDUCATION**

**2022-23 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](http://quartsci.com/planselection)

**Alumni Story**

“I think that it’s something that is really unique about our department. The fact that our program is so current with the issues our society is facing and that members of the department can unify over trying to find solutions to the problems.”

-Makenzie MacKay, BAH ’17


That is a degree from Queen’s.
Environmental Science MAJOR MAP *
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS): MAJOR, MINOR, SPECIALIZATION

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

1ST YEAR
In first year you'll have the chance to explore the foundations of Environmental Science in biology, chemistry, geography and geology along with some electives.

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

2ND YEAR
Start going deeper into the discipline of Environmental Science, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Global Action and Engagement. Attend Degree 1 in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

- Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit QASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

3RD YEAR
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.

- If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USURF).

4TH OR FINAL 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 certificates.

What will I learn?
A degree in Environmental Science can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:

- 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 experiments and make conclusions based on research
- Experience with laboratory equipment
- 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 Science can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Agriculture
- Cartography
- Forestry
- Horticulture
- Land quality
- Meteorology
- Parks and natural reserves
- Transportation
- Waste management
- Water quality

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

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.

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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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