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.

**5 Top 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.**

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.

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.
Environmental Studies MAJOR MAP *

### 1ST YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

In first year you will take Environmental 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.

### 2ND YEAR

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations.

See community organizations listed by the department, including SWITCH Ontario and the City of Kingston.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

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

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

**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.

### 3RD YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

Start going deeper into the discipline of Environmental Science, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Global Action and Engagement. Attend Degree 4 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 SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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

Take more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC).

Watch for events in the School of Environmental Studies through the department website. Start or continue volunteering with organizations.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

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**

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 graduates are doing at our website.

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

**What will I learn?**

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- 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

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