

B.A. Honours Program: Major in Environmental Governance

Name: _____ Student # _____

About the Program

Environmental change is one of the most pressing challenges of our time. Although governments are often presumed to be the most important players in addressing environmental change, citizens, non-government organizations and businesses all around the world are also taking on significant roles and making positive impact.

‘Environmental governance’ – the wide range of collaborative, and cross-institutional approaches used to address environmental change – is crucial to the planet and our shared future on it.

The Environmental Governance Major introduces students to opportunities and applications of environmental governance in Canada and beyond. Students will gain core competencies from geography and political science and build additional insight through courses from a range of social science and humanities disciplines. Students in the program will receive: a solid foundation in the processes and mechanisms of environmental change and governance; an understanding of geographical, political and economic factors that shape environmental governance around the world; exposure to innovative approaches and case studies; and the opportunity to tailor restricted elective selections towards one or more of Indigenous peoples and governance, environmental campaigns and communications, and environmental politics. Graduates of the program will be well-suited for careers in the public sector, environmental non-government organizations and other non-profits, and the private sector.

Completion of required courses, and careful selection of electives will facilitate students completing a minor in Geography or Political Science, and/or completing the certificate in Indigenous Environmental Governance. Minors in other programs also may complement the Major in Environmental Governance.

Check-list [based on the 2026-27 calendar]

This checklist guides you through the requirements, based on the [information posted in the Academic Calendar](#). In addition, you may use the “audit” feature in WebAdvisor to help you understand the courses you still need to complete and/or consult with an Academic Advisor. In the case of a discrepancy between what is described here and other sources, please refer to the Calendar.

1. B.A. core requirements: [4 credits](#)

(a) 1.5 from College of Arts in at least two departments;

(b) 1.5 from College of Social and Applied Human Sciences in at least two departments;

(c) 1 in natural and/or mathematical sciences.

*These requirements can be met by completing courses within the EGOV degree. For instance: INDG*1000 and two of (ENGL*2200 or HIST*2250 or PHIL*2070) for condition (a); ECON*1050, GEOG*1220, and GEOG*2030 for condition (b); GEOG*1350 and GEOG*2110 for condition (c).*

2. Environmental Governance core requirements: [10 credits](#)

___ ECON*1050	[0.50]	Introductory Microeconomics
___ GEOG*1220	[0.50]	Explaining Environmental Change
___ GEOG*1350	[0.50]	Earth: Hazards and Global Change
___ GEOG*2030	[0.50]	Environment, Justice and Society
___ GEOG*2110	[0.50]	Climate and the Biophysical Environment
___ GEOG*2230	[0.50]	Commodity Chains and Cultures of Consumption
___ GEOG*3210	[0.50]	Indigenous-Settler Relationships in Environmental Governance
___ GEOG*4210	[0.50]	Environmental Governance
___ INDG*1000	[0.50]	Indigenous-Settler Relations
___ MGMT*3020	[0.50]	Principles of Responsible Organizations
___ POLS*2230	[0.50]	Public Policy
___ POLS*3340	[0.50]	Indigenous Politics in Canada
___ POLS*3370	[0.50]	Environmental Politics and Governance

0.50 credits from the following:

___ ECON*2100	[0.50]	Economic Growth and Environmental Quality
___ FARE*2700	[0.50]	Survey of Natural Resource Economics
___ IDEV*2200	[0.50]	Policy, Economy and Society

0.50 credits from the following:

___ GEOG*2460	[0.50]	Analysis in Geography
___ STAT*2080	[0.50]	Introductory Applied Statistics I

0.50 credits from the following:

___ ENGL*2200	[0.50]	Postcolonial Literatures, Film, and Other Media
___ HIST*2250	[0.50]	Environment and History
___ PHIL*2070	[0.50]	Philosophy of the Environment

0.50 credits from the following:

- ___ GEOG*3020 [0.50] Global Environmental Change
- ___ POLS*3470 [0.50] Business-Government Relations in Canada
- ___ SOAN*3130 [0.50] Protest, Resistance, and Collective Action

0.50 credits from the following:

- ___ FARE*3170 [0.50] Cost-Benefit Analysis
- ___ GEOG*3030 [0.50] Media, Digital Technology and Environment
- ___ POLS*3790 [0.50] International Political Economy

1.00 credits from the following:

- ___ GEOG*4220 [0.50] Local Environmental Management
- ___ GEOG*4230 [0.50] Environmental Impact Assessment
- ___ POLS*4170 [1.00] Global Environmental Politics

3. Additional electives and GEG courses to bring the total to 20 credits:

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Other Honours Program Requirements:

- (a) You must complete at least 7 credits at the 3000 level or above
- (b) No more than 6 credits may be at the 1000 level
- (c) No more than 14 credits in any department may be counted towards an Honours Degree.
- (d) You must take at least 12 credits in courses offered by the College of Arts, the departments of Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology (in the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences and the Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics), School of Computer Science, or the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.
- (e) You must obtain a cumulative average of at least 70% on all *degree-related* course attempts at Guelph.
- (f) You must obtain a cumulative average of at least 60% on all course attempts at Guelph.