School of the Environment: Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies (CSES)

Below you will find the requirements for students in the Master of Landscape Architecture program and the PhD in Architecture, Landscape and Design who are completing a Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies. Although this document will provide you with guidance for completing the specialization, note that the School of Graduate Studies Calendar is the authoritative source for all degree requirements.

Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA)- 3 year degree

MLA students in the 3-year option complete a total of 15.5 FCEs. Students enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies must have at least 30% of their coursework (5.0 FCEs) count towards the CSES and complete the following collaborative specialization requirements:

- ENV 1001H: Environmental Decision Making (0.5 FCE)
- One elective (0.5 FCE) from the CSES course list.
- Up to 4.0 FCEs from the following courses may count towards the remaining CSES requirements:
  - Core courses: LAN1011Y, LAN1021Y, LAN2013Y, LAN3016Y
  - LAN3017Y (1.5 FCE), provided there is an environmental component. A copy of the final research paper must be submitted to the School of the Environment.

Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA)- 2 year degree

MLA students in the 2-year option complete a total of 10.5 FCEs. Students enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies must have at least 30% of their coursework (3.0 FCEs) count towards the CSES and complete the following collaborative specialization requirements:

- ENV 1001H: Environmental Decision Making (0.5 FCE)
- One elective (0.5 FCE) from the CSES course list.
- Up to 2.0 FCEs from the following courses may count towards the remaining CSES requirements:
  - Core courses: LAN2013Y, LAN3016Y
  - Environment: LAN2045H, LAN2046H, LAN2047H, LAN2048H
  - LAN3017Y (1.5 FCE), provided there is an environmental component. A copy of the final research paper must be submitted to the School of the Environment prior to convocation.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

PhD Architecture, Landscape and Design students enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies complete the following requirements:

- ENV1001H: Environmental Decision Making (0.5 FCE)
- One elective (0.5 FCE) from the CSES course list.
Complete a thesis on an environmental theme. Normally, the thesis committee will include a supervisor from the student's home department who holds a graduate faculty membership (GFM) in the School of the Environment. If the student's primary thesis supervisor does not hold a GFM in the School of the Environment, the School's Director will either initiate the process of assigning a GFM to the primary supervisor or review the composition of the thesis committee to ensure it has appropriate expertise. *A digital copy of the final thesis must be submitted to the School of the Environment prior to convocation.*

All PhD students are required to give an oral presentation of their doctoral research as part of the School’s Environment Research Day, which is held once per year in the Spring.