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

Below you will find the requirements for students in the Forestry MFC, MScF and PhD 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 Forest Conservation (MFC)**

MFC students complete a total of 7.5 FCEs. Students enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies complete the following requirements:

- 6.0 FCEs required courses including:
  - FOR3007H can be counted towards the CSES internship requirement, provided there is an environment component. *Upon completion of the placement, students shall submit to a letter of performance assessment issued by their direct internship supervisor to the Graduate Administrator.*
  - FOR3008H can be counted towards the CSES research paper requirement, provided there is an environment component. A copy of the final research paper must be submitted to the School of the Environment prior to convocation.

- 1.5 electives of which must include the following Environmental Studies collaborative specialization requirements:
  - ENV1001H: Environmental Decision Making (0.5 FCE).
  - One elective (0.5 FCE) from the CSES course list.

**Master of Science in Forestry (MScF)**

MScF students complete a minimum of 1.0 FCEs.* Those 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.

*Students in the CSEH will end up completing 1.5 FCEs.

In addition to the coursework, the thesis should be written on an environmental topic. A digital copy of the final thesis must be submitted to the School of the Environment prior to convocation.

It is recommended that each thesis committee will require a supervisor from the student’s home department and at least one other member from another graduate unit, both of whom are also members of graduate faculty in the School of the Environment.
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

PhD Forestry students complete a total of 2.0 FCEs. Those enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies complete the following requirements:

- 0.5 FCE core course, FOR1001H
- 1.5 Elective coursework, which must include the following Environmental Studies collaborative specialization requirements:
  - ENV1001H: Environmental Decision Making (0.5 FCE).
  - One elective (0.5 FCE) from the CSES course list.

In addition, students complete a thesis on an environmental theme. It is recommended that the thesis committee membership will include a supervisor (from the student's home department who is a member of the CSES core faculty) and at least one other member from a collaborating department. 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 Seminar Series or Research Day, which is held once per year. For the latter, the oral presentation may or may not be done in conjunction with a summary poster, depending on the decided format of the School’s Research Day in any given year.