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

Below you will find the requirements for students completing the Information MI 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 Information (MI)- Coursework

MI students complete a total of 8.0 FCEs. Students enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies complete the following requirements:

- Core program courses including:
  - INF2173 (0.5 FCE), which satisfies the CSES internship requirement, provided there is an environment related 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.

- 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.
  - ENV5555Y Research Paper (1.0 FCE). A copy of the final research paper must be submitted to the School of the Environment prior to convocation.

Master of Information (MI)- Thesis

MI students complete a total of 8.0 FCEs. In addition to the home degree requirements, 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.

In addition to the coursework, the thesis should be written on an environment related 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)

Information PhD students complete a total of 4.0 FCEs. In addition to their home program requirements, those enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies complete the following
requirements:

- ENV 1001H: Environmental Decision Making (0.5 FCE).
- One elective (0.5 FCE) from the [CSES course list](#).

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.