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

Below you will find the requirements for students in the Planning MScPl 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 Science in Planning (MScPl)

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

- 4.0 FCEs core courses of which:
  - PLA4444H satisfies the CSES internship requirements. Upon completion of the placement students shall submit to a letter of performance assessment issued by their direct internship supervisor to the Graduate Administrator.
  - PLA1107Y satisfies the CSES research paper component. A copy of the final research paper must be submitted to the School of the Environment prior to convocation.

- 4.0 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.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

PhD Planning students complete a total of 3.0 FCEs. Those enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies would complete the following requirements:

- 1.5 FCEs core courses
- 1.5 Elective coursework, which must include the following Environmental Studies collaborative specialization requirements:
  - ENV 1001H: 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 topic. 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.