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

Below you will find the requirements for students in the Social Justice Education MA, MEd, PhD or EdD program 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. Students who are registered in a collaborative specialization may apply to have their SJE course requirement reduced by 0.5 FCE.

**Master of Arts (MA)**

Social Justice Education MA students complete a total of 3.0 FCEs. In addition to the home degree 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.

In addition to the coursework, the MA 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.

**Master of Education (MEd)- Coursework Option**

Social Justice Education MEd students in the coursework option complete a total of 5.0 FCEs. Those enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies complete the following requirements:

- 2.5 FCEs within Social Justice Education.
- 2.5 FCE electives, 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.
  - ENV4444H: Internship (0.5 FCE). Approval from the School of the Environment is required prior to participating in the internship.
  - ENV5555Y: Research Paper. A copy of the final research paper must be submitted to the School of the Environment prior to convocation.

**Master of Education (MEd)- Major Research Paper Option**
Social Justice Education MEd students in the major research paper option complete a total of 4.0 FCEs. Those enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies complete the following requirements:

- 2.0 FCEs within Social Justice Education.
  - SJE2001Y (1.0 FCE), which counts towards the CSES research paper requirement, provided there is an environment related component. A copy of the final research paper must be submitted to the School of the Environment prior to convocation.
- 2.0 FCE electives, 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.
  - ENV4444H: Internship (0.5 FCE). Approval from the School of the Environment is required prior to participating in the internship.

Master of Education (MEd)- Thesis Option

Social Justice Education MEd students in the thesis option complete a total of 3.0 FCEs. Those enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies complete the following requirements:

- 1.5 FCEs within Social Justice Education.
- 1.5 FCE electives, 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 to the coursework, the MEd 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.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Doctor of Education (EdD)

PhD students in Social Justice Education complete a total of 3.0 FCEs. EdD students in Social Justice Education complete a total of 4.0 FCEs. In addition to the home degree 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.

In addition, students complete a thesis on an environment related 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 and EdD 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.