

Sociology MA, PhD

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

Below you will find the requirements for students in the Sociology MA and PhD who are completing a Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies. Although this document can provide you with guidance for completing the specialization, note that the [School of Graduate Studies Calendar](#) is the authoritative source for degree requirements.

Master of Arts (MA) -Research Paper Option

Sociology MA students in the Research Paper Option 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](#).
 - Note: Students are required to obtain permission from the Department of Sociology Graduate Coordinator in order to enrol in outside electives. Students may request environment related electives that are not from the School's list of approved courses to count towards their CSES by seeking approval from the School of the Environment's Graduate Associate Director.
- SOC6215Y: MA Research Paper (1.0 FCE) 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.*

Master of Arts (MA)- Coursework Option

Sociology MA students in the coursework option complete a total of 4.0 FCEs. Students enrolled in the Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies must have at least 30% of their coursework (1.5 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](#).
- [ENV4444H: Internship](#) (0.5 FCE). *A letter confirming the completion of the internship must be submitted to the School of the Environment prior to convocation.*
- [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.*

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Sociology PhD 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](#).
 - Note: Students are required to obtain permission from the Department of Sociology Graduate Coordinator in order to enrol in outside electives. Students may request



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environment related electives that are not from the School's list of approved courses to count towards their CSES by seeking approval from the School of the Environment's Graduate Associate Director.

- 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.