

# Bachelor of Arts

## Environmental Governance



### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Environmental governance refers to the processes through which societies make decisions that affect the environment. Governments play an important role in this, however they alone cannot manage our most pressing environmental challenges like climate change, sea level rise, or invasive species. Thus, through environmental governance, we can coordinate governments, community organizations, and businesses to work collectively to affect positive environmental change.

Through the completion of courses in geography, political science, agricultural economics, and economics, students will gain a solid foundation in the processes and mechanisms of environmental governance, an understanding of geographical, political, and economic factors that shape governance in Canada and around the world, and exposure to innovative approaches to environmental governance that address persistent and emerging societal concerns. Students completing the major will have the skills and experiences needed to participate effectively in environmental governance in a variety of settings.

### WHY CO-OP?

As a co-op student, you will gain relevant work experience, build professional networks, and develop essential interpersonal skills needed to succeed in the workplace, all while getting paid and earning your university degree. Guelph's co-op program is unique due to the exceptional level of support provided, including an online preparatory course, a personal connection with Co-op Coordinators to assist you during the employment process, and access to senior student mentors.

### COURSE SEQUENCING

In the Environmental Governance Co-op program, you will participate in four co-op work terms in addition to eight academic semesters throughout your five years at the University of Guelph. This sequencing is viewable below.

YEAR	FALL	WINTER	SUMMER
ONE	Academic	Academic	Off
TWO	Academic	Academic	Work
THREE	Academic	Work	Academic
FOUR	Work	Work	Off
FIVE	Academic	Academic	

## SAMPLE JOBS

There is a diverse selection of jobs made available to Environmental Governance Co-op students, in government, academia, and the private sector within various industries. You may conduct research, perform environmental assessments, participate in literature searches, or may assist in data collection and analysis. Students may work in an office environment and/or in a field setting. Below are some examples of positions for Environmental Governance Co-op students:

### Economic Policy Co-op

The student will have the opportunity to learn, experience, and contribute to agricultural policy development. This will include assisting and supporting various projects, conducting economic research and analysis on program initiatives, preparing reports and presentations, and querying databases and manipulating data.

### Research Assistant

The Research Assistant will assist in producing rigorous research and evidence-based insights on climate change policies for Canada. They will work with various research teams to analyze data, review literature, and evaluate policies.

### Solid Waste Programs Assistant

The successful candidate will correspond with city staff, residents, community partners, and business and industry contacts on waste minimization and diversion efforts, support promotional & educational campaigns, conduct site visits with businesses to educate them on proper waste sorting, assist with site tours and community outreach, conduct waste industry research and surveys, and more.

Additional Sample Job Titles: Policy Analyst, Assistant Evaluator, Environmental Quality Guidelines Assistant, Junior Program Analyst, Data Technician, Environmental Consultant, Health and Safety Environmental Coordinator

## SAMPLE EMPLOYERS\*

- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Imperial Oil
- University of Guelph

\*Sample co-op employer list only. Employers will vary depending on recruitment needs. Students are encouraged to be actively engaged during a job search by applying to various job opportunities through the Experience Guelph job posting system. In addition, students are supported in establishing and maintaining their own personal contacts.

## SALARY INFORMATION

Students receive compensation from their employer for co-op work terms. The rate of pay will vary depending on a number of factors including the industry, the student's program of study, and work term level. For your reference, a [Co-operative Education Salary Guide](#) is available on our website, which provides hourly rates (averages and ranges) for each degree program.

## ABILITIES & KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED

- Ability to apply inquiry, analysis, and problem-solving skills to analyze and address environmental governance issues in a real-world and professional setting.
- Collect and analyze geographical data and interpret its significance within the context of environmental governance.
- Communicate geographical concepts and spatial data related to corporate sustainability, environmental law, environmental policy, and environmental social movements.