THIS IS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

[ OPEN YOUR MIND ]
The Faculty of Environmental Studies (FES)

Founded in 1968 at a time of rising curiosity and concern for the environment, our pioneering spirit created programs that cross boundaries, focus on student-centred learning, encourage linkages between theory and practice and offer opportunities for experiential learning with communities and organizations. By our definition, environmental studies combines the sciences, social sciences and humanities. Dedicated to inspiring active learners and engaged citizens, we are a community that respects and values insight, creativity, justice and diversity. We work to promote significant social and environmental change through imaginative and critical thought, and concerted action.

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Programs

The Bachelor in Environmental Studies (BES) program is an interdisciplinary education in environmental well-being and social justice. With three Area of Concentration centred around: Environmental Politics, Justice & Arts; Urban & Regional Environments; and Environmental Management, students will be equipped to pursue successful careers in our ever-changing world.

The Master in Environmental Studies (MES) program utilizes a unique, self-directed pedagogical structure, which will help students articulate their research and action interests. Choose to complete an MES/JD with Osgoode Hall Law School, become an OPP and CPI recognized planner through our unique Planning Program or incorporate diploma studies with Sustainable Education, Business and Sustainability or Refugee and Migration studies.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Studies (PhD) program allows students to explore natural, social, political, cultural, urban and other environments and connect conventional disciplines and practices in ways that encourage viewing issues through a broader, more contextual perspective to guide original research.

Research

FES is working on over 40 collaborative research projects with various academic, government and private industry groups averaging $1.5-2 Million yearly in research funding from 2010 to date. Our Las Nubes Project in Neotropical Conservation, situated on FES’ Eco Campus in Costa Rica, has made significant achievements in research and conservation in biodiversity protection, rural sustainability, as well as environmental education in local schools in Costa Rica. The new Lillian Meighen Wright Centre provides a home for this important work. With the CITY Institute at York University, FES faculty have a major collaborative research initiative on “Global Suburbanism” which takes stock of suburban developments around the world. FES also hosts the Sustainable Energy Initiative making our Faculty the preeminent place in Ontario for research and education in renewable energy. Unique to FES, our Cultural and Artistic Practices for Environmental and Social Justice (CAP) program supports major performances and art exhibits.

Committed to social responsibility, FES is research-intensive and interdisciplinary in nature. Our researchers investigate the pressing issues of our times by combining innovative methods and theoretical frameworks, producing evidence-based solutions and illuminating analyses of local and global issues.
THE MES PROGRAM

For over 45 years, the Master in Environmental Studies (MES) program has remained one of the most diverse and globally renowned graduate programs of its kind. By recognizing the importance of an interdisciplinary approach to understanding complex environmental and social justice issues, the Faculty of Environmental Studies (FES) has developed a program offering you the opportunity to explore your own research within a dynamic and supportive structure. Our MES program grants you the flexibility to deepen your research over two years of full-time study and allows you to design and customize a program that meets your academic, experiential and professional objectives. As an MES student, you will develop the knowledge, critical understanding and skills to generate real world solutions to today’s complex environmental and social injustices. Become a leader in sustainable and equitable change that will transform the future.

PLAN OF STUDY

The MES program utilizes a unique pedagogical structure, focusing on the Plan of Study, which helps you articulate your research interests, define learning objectives, and will lead to the final production of a Thesis, Major Paper, Major Project or Portfolio. Guided by a Faculty Advisor from your first day, your individualized Plan of Study will evolve as you complete each phase of the MES program.

MES PROGRAM PHASES

**PHASE I**
DEVELOP your Plan of Study supported by your Faculty Advisor.
COMPLETE core courses.

**PHASE II**
CHOOSE additional courses.
DEVELOP your final proposal.
DO field placements/internships.

**PHASE III**
ACHIEVE your research goals guided by your Faculty Supervisor.
UNDERTAKE and defend your research.

ENHANCE YOUR STUDIES

You can choose to add additional certifications to the MES program by including one of our diploma programs within your two years of study or focus directly on your career in planning or law.

**PLANNING PROGRAM**
Our Planning Program emphasizes the importance of critical thinking and analysis to identify problems, generate alternatives and implement change. The program is recognized as a degree in Planning by the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) and the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP).

**MES/JD PROGRAM**
Offered jointly with Osgoode Hall Law School, students have the opportunity to complete their MES program and a JD/Law degree in four years.

**OUR DIPLOMA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:**
- Environmental Sustainability Education with the Faculty of Education
- Business and the Environment with the Schulich School of Business
- Refugee and Migration Studies with the Faculty of Graduate Studies
OUR PRESTIGIOUS ALUMNI
Whether you have a passion for working in the private or public sector, continuing your education at the doctorate level or even creating your own responsible and sustainable company, your MES degree will provide you with the insights, knowledge and skills that you will need to land a successful and dynamic career.

Learn more about our alumni profiles, visit fes.yorku.ca/alumni

CAREERS THAT CHANGE THE WORLD
Since 2010, careers in the environmental sector have been rapidly expanding – more organizations are hiring more environmental professionals than ever before. Over 460,000 organizations in Canada are hiring environmental professionals (eco.ca). Our 6000 graduates are leaders in this change, working locally and globally, at all levels of industry and in diverse community organizations. In FES, you will benefit from the employable skill development that is built right into the MES program.

VISIT US
MES INFORMATION SESSIONS
Learn more about our MES program at one of our information sessions.

- Tuesday, September 27, 2016
- Wednesday, October 12, 2016
- Thursday, October 27, 2016
- Tuesday, November 8, 2016
- Thursday, November 24, 2016
- Wednesday, December 6, 2016
- Thursday, January 19, 2017

To register for a session, visit fes.yorku.ca/infosession

YES! FOR A DAY
Attend a class, explore our building, meet our admissions team and take an environmental campus tour of the York University Keele Campus with one of our current MES students. To say YES! for a Day, email fesinfo@yorku.ca

HOW TO APPLY
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS*
- Completed an Honours (4-year) Undergraduate Degree
- Minimum B+ GPA
- No disciplinary requirement

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Complete the Faculty of Graduate Studies Online Application
- Complete the Supplementary Program Information Form
- Complete the Referee Information Form
- Submit official, sealed transcripts per institution attended
- Submit your Statement of Research Interest
- Submit your Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Submit language proficiency test results (if applicable)

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 8, 2017
* Consideration is also given to applicants with extensive professional experience who do not meet the minimum academic requirements. Contact us for more details.

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