THIS IS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
[ OPEN YOUR MIND ]
The Faculty of Environmental Studies (FES)

Founded in 1968 at 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 OPPI 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 Faculty of Environmental Studies (FES) at York University offers a unique, creative and ground breaking doctoral program for students who wish to conduct critical environmental research.

Since the program was established in 1991, doctoral students in FES have engaged with an extremely diverse array of environmental concerns and approaches related to natural, built, social, cultural, political, economic, organizational, spiritual, philosophical, literary and virtual ‘environments’. ‘Environment’ and ‘environmental studies’ are not static concepts but change over time with varying societal norms and understandings.

As a FES PhD candidate, you will be studying in an intrinsically interdisciplinary program, where you do not follow a set curriculum. Our doctoral program follows three stages: the PhD program plan stage, the comprehensive examination stage and the dissertation stage. In our PhD program, you are supported by your supervisory team who assists in guiding you through your own Program Plan – your self-created guide to your studies.

In FES, you will be able to engage in cutting-edge research undertaken by our faculty members and your peers. You will benefit from the rich research culture that connects FES to other faculties at York University and to organizations with our local and/or global community.

**EXPLORE OUR PhD PROGRAM THROUGH MULTIPLE RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

- **APPLIED ECOLOGY**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS, CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND GLOBALIZATION**
- **CRITICAL URBAN PLANNING RESEARCH**
- **HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**
- **ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE**

To learn more about these areas of research in our PhD program, visit [fes.yorku.ca/apply/phd](http://fes.yorku.ca/apply/phd)
“Within the Faculty of Environmental Studies, I conduct interdisciplinary research that combines critical urban theory, planning, and architecture, in order to examine the potential of public housing policy and design to alleviate ethnically conflicted urban areas.”

Oded Haas
PhD Candidate
Vanier Scholar

Environmental studies consider a range of environments: human bodies, physical structures, social and economic relationships, political, institutional and cultural practices, and the earth and its complex multitude of animals, flora and biophysical elements, relationships and processes. As a Faculty, we adopt an interdisciplinary approach to environmental studies where the social sciences, humanities, arts and natural sciences meet and inform each other.

Like Oded, many of our PhD students’ research intersect with various disciplines and ways of thinking. We encourage the use of different theoretical approaches to explore environmental issues in their historical and comparative contexts, considering social, ecological, political and economic constraints and possibilities. We encourage exploration of how theoretical and practical matters intersect, and how reflexive, rigorous, critical and creative thinking can inform interpretations and policies.

VISIT US
Join us this Fall for one of our PhD Admissions Information Sessions. Learn more about the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University, our cutting edge research and our unique PhD program. Meet with our Faculty PhD Coordinator, and members of our admissions team to discuss your individual research and teaching interests.

- Thursday, September 22, 2016
- Wednesday, October 12, 2016
- Thursday, October, 27, 2016
- Thursday, November 24, 2016
- Wednesday, December 6, 2016

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ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
- Must have completed a Master’s degree
- Minimum B+ GPA
- No disciplinary requirement

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Complete the Faculty of Graduate Studies Online Application
- Complete the online Supplementary Program Information Form
- Complete the online Referee Information Form
- Submit 2 official, sealed transcripts per institution attended
- Submit your Statement of Research Interest
- Submit your Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Submit a Sample of Written Work (50 page maximum)
- Submit language proficiency test results (if applicable)

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