



Bachelor of  
Indigenous  
Environmental  
Science and  
Practice

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**Academic  
Orientation**

**Fall 2024**

## Goals of this Meeting

- Meet Carie the BIESP Program Counsellor
- Review important dates
- General information and survival tips
- Resources available on campus including Carie and ISC

# Meet Carie ☺

Carie Devitt –  
Program Counsellor  
for all students in  
BIESP  
(she/her)

First point of contact  
for BIESP program  
information

General policy help –  
making sense of the  
Undergraduate  
Calendar

Course schedule  
difficulties

Missed class time or  
exams (academic  
consideration)

Graduation  
Requirements

Never hesitate to ask for help!



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F24 Classes start Thursday  
September 5<sup>th</sup>- Do NOT miss any  
classes!

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Last day to **add** classes or change  
course sections for F24 is  
September 13<sup>th</sup>

Last day to **drop** classes for F24 is  
the last class day – November 29<sup>th</sup>

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Schedule of dates is in the current  
Undergraduate Calendar – stay  
on top of dates!

## Important Dates



# BIESP Program Information

**Bachelor of Indigenous Environmental Science and Practice is a degree program that does not have majors.**

**So, you will not have a major or attend the meetings for majors this week.**

- **Four-year, honours degree; five-years if in the co-op program.**
- **Can I minor? Yes. Important to plan for this early as completion of a minor will take more than 20 academic credits to complete.**
- **In co-op? Register for COOP1100 in **F25**; Sequence of co-op work terms is Summer after 2<sup>nd</sup> year, and then a string of co-op terms after third year: summer, fall, then winter.**
- **When planning for future semesters, you may choose courses along a theme that interests you. Examples of possible schedules of studies are on my website. I will send a link in a future course selection email!**

# Survival 101: How is University Different from High School?



## Responsibilities

You are responsible for knowing policies and procedures.



**No one will chase down your assignments**



**Deadlines are deadlines**

Things are due when they are due.

If you need to ask for academic consideration for medical, psychological, or compassionate reasons, talk to your instructor.



**Learning expectations**

More of a focus on connections between concepts and problem solving.



# ENVIRO MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

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GET CONNECTED WITH AN  
UPPER YEAR  
ENVIRONMENT STUDENT

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS  
SEPTEMBER 20TH

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**Undergraduate  
Calendar**



**Check your  
@uoguelph.ca  
email OFTEN**

Emails from  
me, and the  
Registrar's  
Office.



**Course outlines**

Save them,  
print them, use  
them!



**WebAdvisor**

Use the Student  
Planning Tool to  
plan!

Stay  
Informed –  
Read  
Information  
Available  
to You!

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# Get to know your degree requirements early on!

- The **Student Planning System** shows you personalized academic requirements for your degree. Summarized for you specifically, including what you have taken (including transfer credits if you have any!) and what you still need to take according your schedule of studies. This is also how you register for courses, so you've already seen it.
- Your **schedule of studies** is found in the Undergraduate Calendar. It is literally the list of the courses you need to take to complete your degree. The schedule of studies is broken down by co-op or non-co-op and lists core courses and restricted electives you can choose from.
- **Program information** for your degree is also in the Undergraduate Calendar (rules like needing a minimum of 6 credits at the 3000 level or higher and that of those, 2 credits must be at the 4000 level). Little details that mean a lot.

BIESP



# My Progress and Viewing your Schedule on WebAdvisor

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am		ENVS*1040*0101 LEC	IES*1010*01 LEC	ENVS*1040*0101 LEC		ENVS*1040*0101 LEC	
10am							
11am							
12pm							
1pm		INDG*1100*02 LEC		INDG*1100*02 LEC		INDG*1100*02 LEC	
2pm							
3pm			CHEM*1040*05B5 LAB		ENVS*1040*0101 LAB		
4pm							
5pm		MATH*1080*0104 LEC		MATH*1080*0104 LEC		MATH*1080*0104 LEC	
6pm			CHEM*1040*05B5 LEC		CHEM*1040*05B5 LEC		
7pm							
8pm					MATH*1080*0104 LAB		
9pm							

# Schedule Print Feature in WebAdvisor

 Print

Fall 2024

Planned: 0 Credits Enrolled: 2.50 Credits

Schedule Details

Status	Course Title	Time	Location	Instructor
Registered, but not started	CHEM*1040*05B5: General Chemistry I	LEC TTh 5:30 PM - 6:50 PM 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024 LAB T 2:30 PM - 5:20 PM 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024	LEC ROZH, 104 LAB SSC, 2105	Houmam, A
Registered, but not started	ENVS*1040*0101: Natural History Great Lakes	LEC MWF 8:30 AM - 9:20 AM 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024 LAB Th 2:30 PM - 5:20 PM 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024	LEC GRHM, 1316 LAB GRHM, 1316	Young, A
Registered, but not started	IES*1010*01: Intro to Indg Enviro Sci	LEC T 8:30 AM - 11:20 AM 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024	LEC CRSC, 403	Chiblow, S
Registered, but not started	INDG*1100*02: Indigenous Language & Culture	LEC MWF 12:30 PM - 1:20 PM 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024	LEC MCKN, 224	Kecheho-Nichols, S
Registered, but not started	MATH*1080*0104: Elements of Calculus I	LEC MWF 4:30 PM - 5:20 PM 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024 LAB Th 8:00 PM - 8:50 PM 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024	LEC ALEX, 200 LAB ROZH, 101	Mohammad, N

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# Timeline in WebAdvisor

	Fall 2023	Winter 2024	Summer 2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>BIOL*2060*DE01: Ecology Credits: 0.50 Credits ✓</li><li>BIOL*3450*01: Introduction to Aquatic Enviro Credits: 0.50 Credits ✓</li><li>ENVS*2060*0101: Soil Science Credits: 0.50 Credits ✓</li><li>ENVS*2120*DE01: Intro to Envirnmntl Stewardship Credits: 0.50 Credits ✓</li><li>ENVS*3230*0101: Agroforestry Systems Credits: 0.50 Credits ✓</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ENVS*2080: Intro. Env. Microbiology Credits: 0.50 Credits</li><li>ENVS*2310: Intro to Biogeochemistry Credits: 0.50 Credits</li><li>ENVS*3050: Microclimatology Credits: 0.50 Credits</li><li>GEOG*2210: Environment and Resources Credits: 0.50 Credits</li><li>INDG*1000: Indigenous-Settler Relations Credits: 0.50 Credits</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>COOP*3000: Work Term III Credits: 0.50 Credits</li></ul>
its	2.50 Enrolled Credits	2.50 Planned Credits	0.50 Planned Credits



What do  
all of the  
acronyms  
mean?

- **OAC is Ontario Agricultural College**
  - BIESP is an OAC program. Key for awards.
- **BIESP or BIESP:C is your degree program**
  - This is what will be after your name when you graduate
  - If you see BIS or BIS:C, that is a short form used by university administration.
- **SAS is Student Accessibilities Services**
  - Offers services for students requiring accommodations
- **SLG is Supported Learning Groups**
  - Small group learning environments for select courses offered by the Library
- **TA is Teaching Assistant**
  - Work with instructors to help students with specific course



## How to find Carrie...

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- OAC Program Counselling  
Office Location: Johnston Hall  
Room 133A
- Email Liz at [oad.pco@uoguelph.ca](mailto:oad.pco@uoguelph.ca) to book a virtual or in-person appointment to meet with me!

My email: [biesp@uoguelph.ca](mailto:biesp@uoguelph.ca)



## Helpful Resources

- **Indigenous Student Centre (ISC):**  
Located in the Federal Building at 620 Gordon Street.
- Indigenous Student Advisor is  
**Ally Stoett [astoett@uoguelph.ca](mailto:astoett@uoguelph.ca)**



- The Indigenous Student Centre acts as a “home away from home” for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students.
- Indigenous student counselling, study & lounge space, library, kitchen, free printing, workshops and programming.
- A variety of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Elders and Knowledge Holders work with the ISC to provide workshops and cultural advising support.



## More Helpful Resources

- **Student Accessibility Services:**  
<https://wellness.uoguelph.ca/accessibility/>
- **Learning Commons:**  
<http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/get-assistance>
- **Supported Learning Groups (SLGs)** for challenging courses like CHEM 1040:  
<https://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/writing-studying/studying-resources-workshops/slgs>
- **Co-op Office and Career Services (EL Hub):**  
<https://www.recruitguelph.ca/cecs/>
- **OAC Awards:** [oacaward@uoguelph.ca](mailto:oacaward@uoguelph.ca)
- **Student Wellness Services (see next slide):**  
<https://wellness.uoguelph.ca/>





**STUDENT  
WELLNESS**  
Live well. Achieve well.

Dedicated to providing health and well-being support and services to UofG students, all year long!



Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

Counselling Services

Student Health Services

Health & Performance Centre (HPC)

Student Support Network (SSN)

Sexual & Gender-Based Violence Support & Education Centre

Wellness Education & Promotion Centre (WEPC)



[wellness.uoguelph.ca](https://wellness.uoguelph.ca)

What if  
I'm in  
crisis?  
Student  
Wellness  
offers  
Urgent  
Help...

**Monday - Friday (8:30 am - 4:30 pm):**

- If a response is **needed TODAY**, contact 519-824-4120 ext. 52131
- If a response **can wait 24 hours**, contact a **Student Wellness Navigator by calling 519-824-4120 ext. 52131**
- **Campus Safety Office (CSO):** 519-824-4120 Ext. 2000 or 519-840-5000. An **IMPACT** mental health worker will respond with the campus safety office if available.

**After Hours (after 4:30 pm or on weekends):**

- **Campus Safety Office:** For immediate **on-campus** responses, call 519-824-4120 Ext. 2000 or 519-840-5000
- **Local Police Services:** For immediate **off-campus** responses, dial 911 for Emergency Services
- **Here 24/7** (Mental health resource): Call 1-844-HERE247 (1-844-437-3247) anytime.
- **Crisis Text Line:** Text "UofG" to 686868