



UNIVERSITY OF  
**GUELPH**

# Bachelor of Indigenous Environmental Science and Practice

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**Academic  
Orientation**

**Fall 2025**

**Your Host:  
Carie Devitt**

## Goals of this Meeting

- Meet YOUR BIESP Academic Advisor - Carie
- Review important dates
- General information and tips
- Special Guests! Meet upper year BIESP students
- Find out about resources available on campus like ISC and how to contact **Carie** 😊

# Meet Carrie ☺

Carie Devitt –  
Academic Advisor  
for all students in  
BIESP  
(she/her)

First point of contact  
for BIESP program  
information

General policy help –  
making sense of the  
University Rules

Course schedule  
difficulties

Missed class time or  
exams (academic  
consideration)

Graduation  
Requirements

Never hesitate to ask for help!



F25 Classes start Thursday  
September 4<sup>th</sup> Do NOT miss any  
classes!

Last day to **add** classes or change  
course sections for F25 is  
September 12<sup>th</sup>

Last day to **drop** classes for F25 is  
the last class day – November 28<sup>th</sup>

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 **F26**; 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!

# Professors' Expectations



## Responsibilities

It's up to you to seek out the information you need.

Help is available, but you **NEED TO ASK**



## No one will chase down your assignments

If you hand something in late, you will lose marks. Not at all? You'll get 0.



## Deadlines

Ask instructors if you need mid-semester academic consideration for:

**medical**  
**psychological** or  
**compassionate**  
grounds.



## Learning expectations

Clearly laid out in  
**COURSE OUTLINES.**



Go to class.

**You can skip seminars and labs and lectures and no one will notice!**

Yikes!



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# Hear from Upper Year Students 😊



MEET UPPER YEAR  
STUDENTS IN BIESP! HEAR  
ABOUT STUDENT COUNCIL

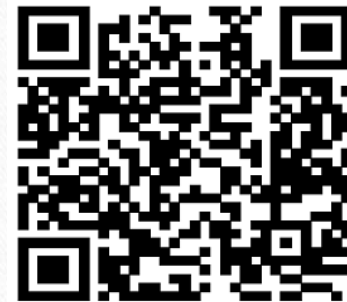


PRO TIPS FOR FIRST YEAR  
COURSES...

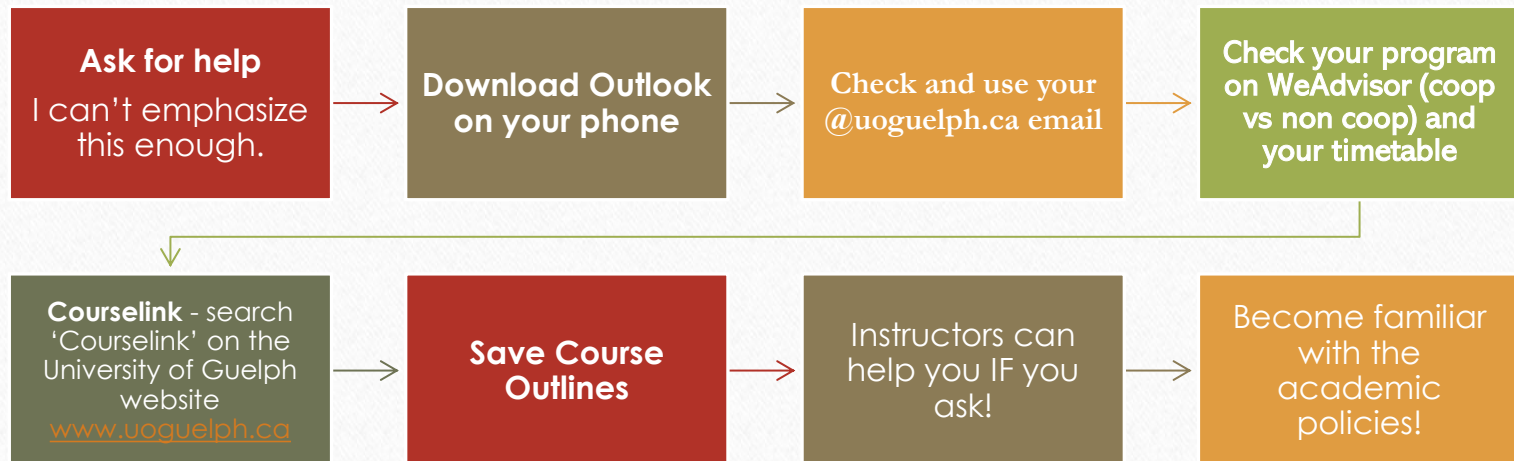


ENVIRONMENT STUDENT  
MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

*Deadline to register  
is September 20<sup>th</sup>!*



# General Survival Tips



Know what the Undergraduate  
Calendar is and how to find it.





# 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 FALL Schedule on **WebAdvisor**

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7am							
8am							
9am		ENVS*1040*0101 LEC		ENVS*1040*0101 LEC		ENVS*1040*0101 LEC	
10am		MATH*1080*0401 LEC		MATH*1080*0401 LEC		MATH*1080*0401 LEC	
11am							
12pm		IES*1010*01 LEC	INDG*1100*01 LEC		INDG*1100*01 LEC		
1pm							
2pm							
3pm					ENVS*1040*0101 LAB		
4pm							
5pm							
6pm							
7pm					MATH*1080*0401 LAB		
8pm							

This was pulled before the exam schedule was made

# My Progress and Viewing your WINTER Schedule on **WebAdvisor**

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am							
10am			CHEM*1040*0109 LEC		CHEM*1040*0109 LEC		
11am							
12pm							
1pm		BIOL*1070*0118 LEC		BIOL*1070*0118 LEC			
2pm					BIOL*1070*0118 SEM		
3pm			CHEM*1040*0109 LAB				
4pm							
5pm							
6pm							
7pm		IES*1020*01 LEC					
8pm							
9pm							
10pm							

Sections with no meeting time

- ✓ ACCT\*1220 Intro Financial Accounting Section DE01
- ✓ ECON\*1050 Introductory Microeconomics Section DE01 Faculty: Chi, E

This was pulled before the exam schedule was made

# Schedule Print Button in WebAdvisor

Fall 2025 Planned: 0 Credits   Enrolled: 2.50 Credits   Waitlisted: 0 Credits


Schedule Details

Status	Course Title	Credits	Time	Location	Instructor
Registered, but not started	ENV5*1040*0101: Natural History Great Lakes	1 Credits	LEC MWF 8:30 AM - 9:20 AM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 LAB Th 2:30 PM - 5:20 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025	LEC GRHM, 1316 LAB GRHM, 1316	Young, A
Registered, but not started	IES*1010*01: Intro to Indg Enviro Sci	0.50 Credits	LEC M 11:30 AM - 2:20 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025	LEC ALEX, 309	Chiblow, S
Registered, but not started	INDG*1100*01: Indigenous Language & Culture	0.50 Credits	LEC TTh 11:30 AM - 12:50 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025	LEC MCKN, 232	Kecheho-Nichols, S
Registered, but not started	MATH*1080*0401: Elements of Calculus I	0.50 Credits	LEC MWF 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 LAB Th 7:00 PM - 7:50 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025	LEC WMEM, 103 LAB WMEM, 103	Mohammad, N

This is the best way to double confirm that you are registered!



# Timeline in WebAdvisor

Course Plan		Timeline	Progress	Course Catalog	Unofficial Transcript
	Fall 2025	<p><b>ENVS*1040*0101: Natural History Great Lakes</b> ✓ Credits: 1 Credits</p> <p><b>IES*1010*01: Intro to Indg Enviro Sci</b> ✓ Credits: 0.50 Credits</p> <p><b>INDG*1100*01: Indigenous Language &amp; Culture</b> ✓ Credits: 0.50 Credits</p> <p><b>MATH*1080*0401: Elements of Calculus I</b> ✓ Credits: 0.50 Credits</p>		Winter 2026	<p><b>ACCT*1220*DE01: Intro Financial Accounting</b> ✓ Credits: 0.50 Credits</p> <p><b>BIOL*1070*0118: Discovering Biodiversity</b> ✓ Credits: 0.50 Credits</p> <p><b>CHEM*1040*0109: General Chemistry I</b> ✓ Credits: 0.50 Credits</p> <p><b>ECON*1050*DE01: Introductory Microeconomics</b> ✓ Credits: 0.50 Credits</p> <p><b>IES*1020*01: Indg Kwnldge Env Sci/Practice</b> ✓ Credits: 0.50 Credits</p>
		2.50 Enrolled Credits			2.50 Enrolled 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 **Carie**...

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- **OAC Program Counselling**  
**Office Location: Johnston Hall**  
**Room 133A**
- Email August at [oac.pco@uoguelph.ca](mailto:oac.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