

Bachelor of
Indigenous
Environmental
Science and
Practice

Degree Program
Meeting
Fall 2022

Goals of this Meeting

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

Meet Carie ☺

**Carie Devitt –
Program
Counsellor for all
students in BIESP**

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!

F22 Classes start **Thursday**
September 8th

Last day to **add** classes or change
course sections for F22 is
September 16th

Last day to **drop** classes for F22 is
the last class day - December 2nd

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

Important Dates

Meet and greet with BIESP professors 😊

BIESP launched
in F21- we are all
very excited to
welcome you!

Get to know your
professors!

BIESP Program Information

Bachelor of Indigenous Environmental Science and Practice is a degree program that does not have different majors. So, you will not have a major or attend the meetings for majors this week.

- It is a four-year, honours degree; five-years if you are 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.
- If you have been admitted to co-op, register for COOP1100 in **F23** (the sequence of co-op work terms is Summer after 2nd 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

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



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

Less memory work, more connections between concepts and problem solving.



You can skip seminars and labs and lecture material and no one will notice! Yikes!



Undergraduate Calendar

Policies, degree requirements,
dates, course information etc.

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/>



Your @uoguelph.ca Email

Emails from me and
Registrar's Office. Use this
address to email professors
and staff.



My office website

<https://oac-program-counselling.uoguelph.ca/>



WebAdvisor

Use the Student Planning Tool to plan
ahead and get the most out of your
experience!

Staying
Informed –
Read
Information
Available to
You!

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.
- The **Undergraduate Calendar** is found under Academic Calendars on the University of Guelph Website. Bookmark it. Always refer back to *YOUR* Calendar year for your degree requirements.
- 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.
- READ IT.

Why is the University Structure so Confusing? What are Colleges?

- University is founded on colleges including OAC. Every student in BIESP is under the college of OAC.
- My office is in the OAC Program Counselling office, and I help students from several programs.
- Some scholarships/bursaries are associated with colleges so it's good to have an awareness of your college.

What do all of the acronyms mean?

- **OAC is Ontario Agricultural College**
 - The college you are associated with **for now**. CSAHS and CBS are the other colleges associated with majors in your degree program.
- **BIESP or BIESP:C is your degree program**
 - This is what will be after your name when you graduate
- **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

Ask for help
I can't emphasize this enough.

First day of courses is Thursday
Do NOT miss out!

Check your schedule for conflicts – even virtual courses can have conflicts!

Course Outlines
• Read them and keep them!
They contain important information concerning lab times, course policies etc.

Courselink - find out information on how to use it by searching 'Courselink' on the University of Guelph website www.uoguelph.ca.

Check and use your @uoguelph.ca email address

Instructors can help you!
• If a course is not going well talk to someone well before the last class day.

Become familiar with the academic policies!
• i.e. continuation of studies, students rights and responsibilities, etc.

General Survival Tips

Course Scheduling Survival Tips

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
8am						
9am						
10am		ENVS*1040*0101 LEC	MATH*1080*0305 LEC	ENVS*1040*0101 LEC		ENVS*1040*0101 LEC
11am						
12pm		IES*1010*01 LEC				
1pm			CHEM*1040*0238 LEC		CHEM*1040*0238 LEC	MATH*1080*0305 LAB
2pm						
3pm				CHEM*1040*0238 LAB	ENVS*1040*0101 LAB	
4pm						
5pm						
6pm		INDG*1100*01 LEC		INDG*1100*01 LEC		
7pm						
8pm						

- **Look for conflicts in your schedule now.** Any overlapping class time is not OK!
- **Check your class schedule again now.** Even if you did it in summer. Changes might have been made.
- **Check the exam schedule now and at the start of every semester.** Conflicting exams are not OK!
- **Contact me** if you have conflicts now or in the future and you are not sure what to do!
- Use the **PRINT** function to be sure whenever you have registered for courses or are checking the exam schedule.

Course Scheduling Survival Tips Continued...

Notes for Fall 2022

- Course delivery modes:
 - **Asynchronous (AD-A; REMOTE)** learning happens without the need for real-time interaction. It has no requirement for attendance at a specific time or location for any activities or exams. Your instructor will provide materials for reading, lectures for viewing, and assignments and assessments with deadlines, and you can access the material and satisfy these requirements based on your own schedule.

One example of asynchronous learning at U of G is **Distance Education (DE)**, which uses a variety of tools and resources to provide students with an enriched and flexible online learning experience.

- “Attending” synchronous courses. Read outlines carefully to see what the requirements and resources are for each course.
 - **Synchronous (AD-S; VIRTUAL)** learning happens in real time. This means that you, your classmates, and your instructor interact through a specific online medium (e.g., Zoom), at a specific time (e.g., 9:30 to 10:20, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) for some or all course activities. Attendance at a specific *location* is not expected for any activities or exams.

Some courses will have a mixture of delivery formats, with the lecture offered in one format and the lab/seminar offered in a different format

Fall 2022

CHEM*1040*0101

General Chemistry I

Seats	Times	Locations
0	M/W/F 2:30 PM - 3:20 PM 9/8/2022 - 12/16/2022	Guelph, ROZH 104 LEC
	M 7:00 PM - 9:50 PM 9/8/2022 - 12/16/2022	Guelph, SSC 2101 LAB

MATH*1080*0102

Elements of Calculus I

Seats	Times	Locations
0	T/Th 2:30 PM - 3:50 PM 9/8/2022 - 12/16/2022	Guelph, ALEX 200 LEC
	F 11:30 AM - 12:20 PM 9/8/2022 - 12/16/2022	Guelph, ALEX 200 LAB

Note: **MATH 1080** has 3 different types of formats for F22!

- Some sections will have M/W/F lectures or T/Th lectures plus a lab – all in person. Like my examples.
- Some sections will have one in-person lecture per week that is 1 hour 20 minutes long, plus an in-person lab PLUS there will be asynchronous material shared that students in these sections will be responsible for covering, but that there is no specific class time for. This allows for greater flexibility, but more need for independence.
- One section will be distance education format (section DE01), meaning the entire course will be online with no in-person components.

ENVS*1040*0101

Natural History of Great Lakes

Seats	Times	Locations
10	M/W/F 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM 9/8/2022 - 12/16/2022	Guelph, MACS 301 LEC
	Th 2:30 PM - 5:20 PM 9/8/2022 - 12/16/2022	Guelph, MINS 037 LAB

IES*1010*01

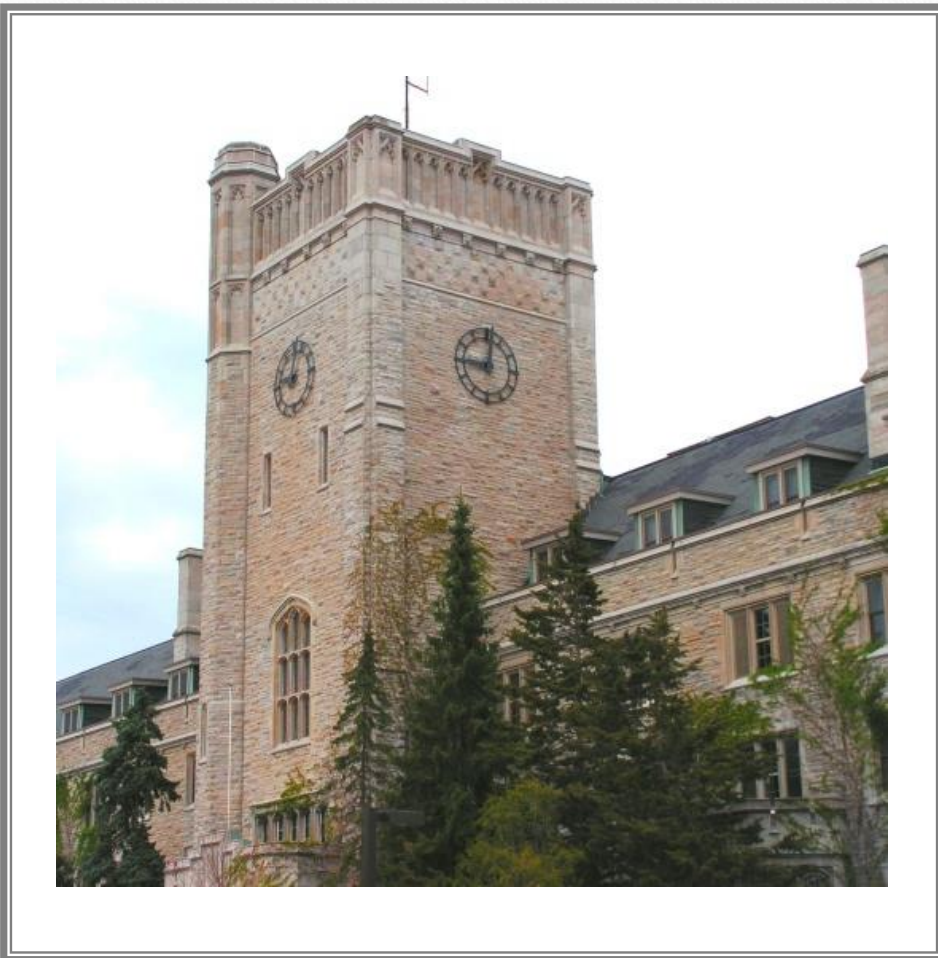
Intro to Indg Enviro Sci

Seats	Times	Locations
4	M 11:30 AM - 2:20 PM 9/8/2022 - 12/16/2022	Guelph, MCKN 309 LEC

INDG*1100*01

Indigenous Language & Culture

Seats	Times	Locations
0	M/W 5:30 PM - 6:50 PM 9/8/2022 - 12/16/2022	Guelph, AD-S VIRTUAL LEC



How to find Carie...

- **OAC Program Counselling Office**
Location: Johnston Hall Room 133A
- **Availability:**
 - Appointment times are from 10 am to 3pm Monday to Thursday and 10 am to noon on Friday
 - Email Robyn at oac.pco@uoguelph.ca to book a virtual or in-person appointment to meet with me!

My email: biesp@uoguelph.ca

Website: <https://oac-program-counselling.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



- 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

- **Wellness Navigators:** Navigators are your first point of contact if you're seeking mental health. A navigator will discuss concerns and identify appropriate services and supports to assist you going forward. Appointments with a navigator are available Monday through Friday. Call 519-824-4120 x 52131 to book an appointment.

- **Student Wellness Services:**
<https://wellness.uoguelph.ca/>

Includes:

- Counselling Services
 - Health Services
 - Health & Performance Centre
 - Sexual Violence Support
 - Student Support Network
 - Wellness Education & Promotion
 - Accessibility Services
- **Student Accessibility Services:**
<https://wellness.uoguelph.ca/accessibility/>
 - **CSA** www.csaonline.ca
 - **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>
 - **Career Services:**
<https://www.recruitguelph.ca/cecs/>
 - **OAC Awards:** ocaward@uoguelph.ca

What if I'm in crisis?

- Crisis Text Line - Text UofG to 686868
- Good2talk Helpline [1-866-925-5454](tel:1-866-925-5454) www.good2talk.ca
- 24-hour Indian Residential School Crisis Line - [1-866-925-4419](tel:1-866-925-4419)
- Victim Services Wellington – [519-824-1212](tel:519-824-1212) ext. [7304](tel:7304) or victim@vsw.on.ca
- Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis (24/7 crisis line) – [519-836-5710](tel:519-836-5710) or adminrec@gwwomenincrisis.org
- Torchlight (24/7 toll-free) – [1-888-821-3760](tel:1-888-821-3760) or [519-821-3760](tel:519-821-3760)
- HERE 24/7 – [1-844-437-3247](tel:1-844-437-3247)