



# Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences

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Academic  
Orientation

Fall 2024

## Goals of this Meeting

- Meet YOUR B.Sc.(Env.) Program Counsellor - Carie
- Review important dates
- B.Sc.(Env.) program information
- Special Guests - Meet upper year B.Sc.(Env.) students
- Find out about resources available on campus including how to contact Carie 😊

# Meet Carie ☺

Carie Devitt –  
Program Counsellor  
for all students in  
B.Sc.(Env.)  
(she/her)

First point of contact  
for B.Sc.(Env.)  
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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Classes start this 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



# What Major am I In?

## ...and other Program Info

### **Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences Degree Program aka B.Sc.(Env.)**

- Four-year, honours degree (five years with co-op)
- Undeclared major (for now!)
- Can I minor? Yes! ...but you don't need to
- In co-op? Register for COOP1100 in W25; Sequence of co-op work terms will depend on which major you declare; If NOT in co-op and intend to apply, last day of class in fall is the deadline!
- Four majors to choose from:
  - ✓ Ecology
  - ✓ Environmental Sciences
  - ✓ Environmental Economics and Policy
  - ✓ Environment and Resource Management

# Faculty Advisors

- **Faculty Advisors:**
  - Ecology – Dr. Bob Hanner
  - Environmental Sciences – Dr. James Longstaffe
  - Environmental Economics and Policy – Dr. Brady Deaton
  - Environment and Resource Management – Dr. Ze'ev Gedalof
- **Meeting for Majors...to be continued!**
  - I will host a meeting to find out more about the four majors in early Winter semester before you need to declare (watch for an email from me)

# 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.

Approach instructors to ask for mid-semester academic consideration for med/psych/compassionate grounds.



## Learning expectations

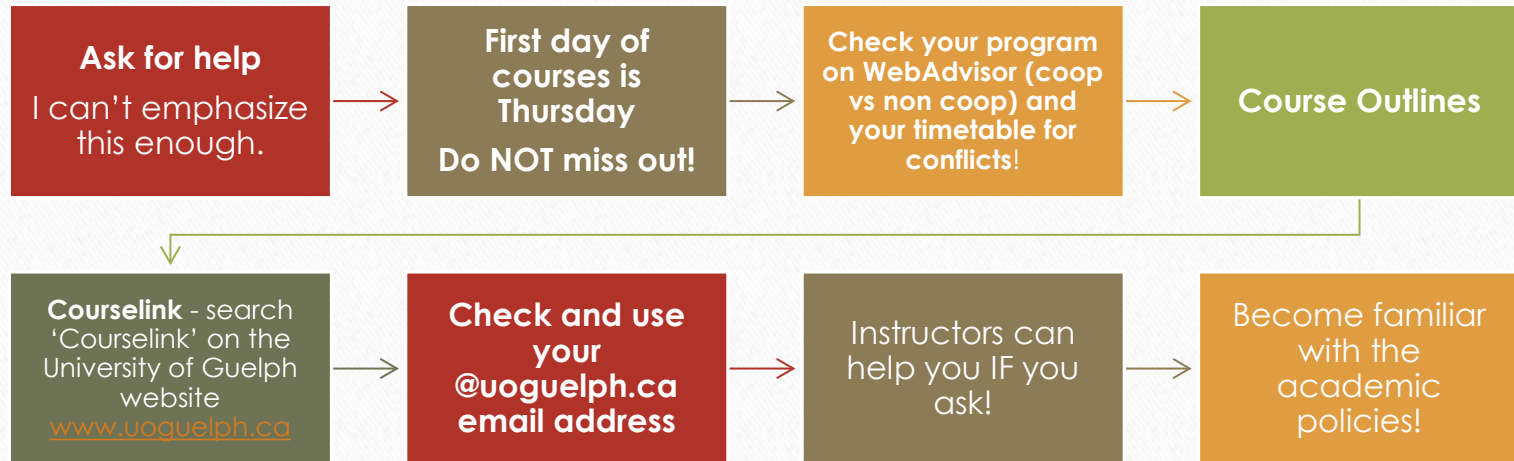
Less memory work, more connections between concepts and problem solving.



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



# General Survival Tips







**Undergraduate  
Calendar**



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

Emails from  
me, ESSE and  
the Registrar's  
Office.



**Course outlines**

Save them,  
print them, use  
them!



**WebAdvisor**

Use the Student  
Planning Tool,  
especially helpful  
once your major is  
declared!

Stay  
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 and what you still need to take according your schedule of studies.
- Your **schedule of studies** is literally the list of the courses you need to take to complete your degree. The schedule of studies is broken down by major and lists core courses, major specific courses and restricted electives you can choose from for your major (once you declare your major).
- **Program information** (like the rule that you cannot count more than 7.0 credits at the 1000 level toward the minimum 20 academic credits required for your degree) AND the **schedule of studies** for each of the majors in B.Sc.(Env.) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar of the year you started in the program (2024/2025). READ IT.

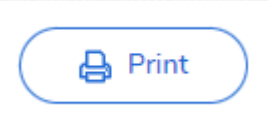
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# My Progress and Viewing your Schedule on WebAdvisor

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7am							
8am							
9am			ENVS*1030*0103 LAB		CHEM*1040*0242 LAB		MATH*1080*0202 EXAM
10am		ENVS*1030*0103 LEC		ENVS*1030*0103 LEC		ENVS*1030*0103 LEC	
11am							
12pm					BIOL*1070*0209 EXAM	CHEM*1040*0242 EXAM	
1pm			CHEM*1040*0242 LEC			CHEM*1040*0242 LEC	
2pm		MATH*1080*0202 LEC	BIOL*1070*0209 SEM	MATH*1080*0202 LEC		MATH*1080*0202 LEC	
3pm							
4pm							
5pm							
6pm		BIOL*1070*0209 LEC		BIOL*1070*0209 LEC			
7pm							

# Schedule Print Feature in WebAdvisor



Fall 2024 Planned: 0 Credits   Enrolled: 2.50 Credits   Waitlisted: 0 Credits

Schedule Details

Status	Course Title	Time	Location	Instructor
Registered, but not started	BIOL*1070*0221: Discovering Biodiversity	LEC MW 5:30 PM - 6:50 PM 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024 SEM M 12:30 PM - 1:20 PM 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024 EXAM Th 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 12/5/2024 - 12/5/2024	LEC MACN, 105 SEM SSC, 3305 EXAM TBD, TBD	Bartley, T Grunspan, D
Registered, but not started	CHEM*1040*0366: General Chemistry I	LEC MWF 3:30 PM - 4:20 PM 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024 LAB Th 8:30 AM - 11:20 AM 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024 EXAM Th 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 12/12/2024 - 12/12/2024	LEC ROZH, 104 LAB SSC, 2103 EXAM TBD, TBD	Auzanneau, F
Registered, but not started	ENVS*1030*0105: Intro Environmental Sciences	LEC MWF 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024 LAB Th 2:30 PM - 5:20 PM 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024	LEC THRN, 1200 LAB MCKN, 307	Rooney, N
Registered, but not started	MATH*1080*DE01: Elements of Calculus I	Distance Education TBD 9/5/2024 - 12/13/2024 EXAM Sa 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 12/7/2024 - 12/7/2024	Distance Education TBD, TBD EXAM SEE, ONLINE	Gismond, S



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# Timeline in WebAdvisor

The screenshot displays the 'Timeline' tab in a web application. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Course Plan', 'Timeline' (highlighted with a yellow underline), 'Progress', 'Course Catalog', 'Unofficial Transcript', and 'Grades'. Below the tabs, the interface is divided into two columns representing different semesters.

**Fall 2024**

- BIOL\*1070\*0221: Discovering Biodiversity** ✓  
Credits: 0.50 Credits
- CHEM\*1040\*0366: General Chemistry I** ✓  
Credits: 0.50 Credits
- ENVS\*1030\*0105: Intro Environmental Sciences** ✓  
Credits: 1 Credits
- MATH\*1080\*DE01: Elements of Calculus I** ✓  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

**2.50 Enrolled Credits**

**Winter 2025**

- BIOL\*1090: Intro to Molecular & Cell Biol**  
Credits: 0.50 Credits
- CHEM\*1050: General Chemistry II**  
Credits: 0.50 Credits
- FARE\*1040: Env. Econ., Law and Policy**  
Credits: 1 Credits
- GEOG\*1300: Intro to the Biophysical Env**  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

**2.50 Planned Credits**

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

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- University is founded on colleges including OAC. Every student in B.Sc.(Env.) comes in undeclared and starts out under the college of OAC.
- All Programs/Majors are associated with colleges. Two of the B.Sc.(Env.) majors are under the college of OAC and two are not. My office is in the OAC Program Counselling office, but I help students in all four majors regardless of affiliated college. That's all you really need to know!
- Some scholarships/bursaries are associated with colleges so it's good to have an awareness of your college both now and once you declare a major.

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.
- **B.Sc.(Env.) is your degree program**
  - Note it is not B.Sc.
- **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
- **ESSE is the Environmental Science Student Executive**
  - Your college student government, representing students in your degree program



# Hear from Upper Year Students 😊



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR  
ESSE CO-PRESIDENTS



PRO TIPS FOR FIRST YEAR  
COURSES...



ENVIRO MENTORSHIP  
PROGRAM

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







# 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: [bscenvpc@uoguelph.ca](mailto:bscenvpc@uoguelph.ca)**

## 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/>
- ESSE Website: <https://enviros.weebly.com/>  
or email [esse@uoguelph.ca](mailto:esse@uoguelph.ca) **Alexander Hall  
Room 266**
- **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...

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### 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