



UNIVERSITY OF
GUELPH

Bachelor of
Science in
Environmental
Sciences

**Academic
Orientation**

Fall 2025

**Your Host:
Carie Devitt**

Goals of this Meeting

- Meet YOUR B.Sc.(Env.) Academic Advisor - 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 and how to contact **Carie** 😊

Meet Carie ☺

Carie Devitt –
Academic Advisor
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
University RULES

Course schedule
difficulties

Missed class time or
exams (academic
consideration)

Graduation
Requirements

Never hesitate to ask for help!

Classes start this Thursday
September 4th - Do NOT miss any
classes!

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

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

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

Important Dates



What Major am I In?

...and other Program Information

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 most B.Sc.(Env.) students do NOT minor
- In co-op? Register for COOP1100 in W26; Sequence of co-op work terms will depend on which major you declare; If NOT in co-op and intend to apply, do it by the last day of class in fall – that's a hard deadline!
- Five majors to choose from:
 - ✓ Earth Observation Geographic Information Science
 - ✓ Ecology
 - ✓ Environmental Economics and Policy
 - ✓ Environmental Sciences
 - ✓ Environment and Resource Management

Faculty Advisors

- **Faculty Advisors:**

- Earth Observation Geo Info Science -
- Ecology – Dr. Ryan Norris
- 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 five majors in early Winter semester before you need to declare (watch for an email from me)

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.

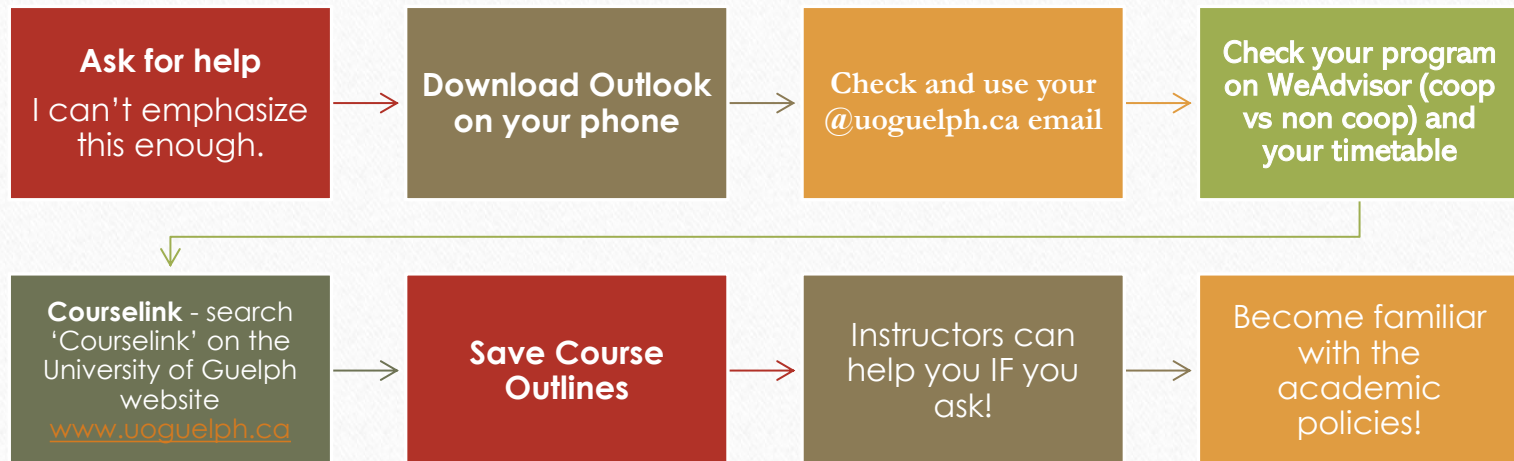
You can skip seminars and labs and lectures and no one will notice!

Yikes!



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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 and what you still need to take according your schedule of studies (once you declare your major).
- 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. **Spoiler alert:** You will need this for one of your first-semester course assignments.

B.Sc.(Env.)



My Progress and Viewing your FALL Schedule on **WebAdvisor**

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am		ENVS*1030*0105 LEC	CHEM*1040*06M7 LAB	ENVS*1030*0105 LEC		ENVS*1030*0105 LEC	
10am		BIOL*1070*0105 LEC		BIOL*1070*0105 LEC			
11am			BIOL*1070*0105 SEM				
12pm							
1pm							
2pm							
3pm					ENVS*1030*0105 LAB		
4pm		MATH*1080*0104 LEC		MATH*1080*0104 LEC		MATH*1080*0104 LEC	
5pm							
6pm		CHEM*1040*06M7 LEC		CHEM*1040*06M7 LEC			
7pm							
8pm					MATH*1080*0104 LAB		
9pm							

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
7am							
8am							
9am			GEOG*1300*010 LAB	GEOG*1300*010 LAB	BIOL*1090*0206 LEC		
10am		GEOG*1300*0106 LEC		GEOG*1300*0106 LEC		GEOG*1300*0106 LEC	
11am		FARE*1040*0105 LEC		FARE*1040*0105 LEC		FARE*1040*0105 LEC	
12pm				FARE*1040*0105 SEM			
1pm							
2pm			CHEM*1050*0355 LAB				
3pm		BIOL*1090*0206 SEM					
4pm							
5pm		CHEM*1050*0355 LEC		CHEM*1050*0355 LEC			
6pm							
7pm							
8pm							

Sections with no meeting time

✓ COOP*1100 Introduction to Coop Education Section 01 Faculty: Powell, H Hagarty, S

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Schedule Print Button in WebAdvisor

Fall 2025

Planned: 0.50 Credits Enrolled: 2.50 Credits Waitlisted: 0 Credits

Schedule Details

Status	Course Title	Credits	Time	Location	Instructor
Registered, but not started	BIOL*1070*0105: Discovering Biodiversity	0.50 Credits	LEC MW 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 SEM T 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025	LEC ROZH, 104 SEM SSC, 2306A	Grunspan, D
	CHEM*1040: General Chemistry I	0.50 Credits	No Section Selected	No Section Selected	No Section Selected
Registered, but not started	CHEM*1040*06M7: General Chemistry I	0.50 Credits	LEC MW 5:30 PM - 6:50 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 LAB T 8:30 AM - 10:20 AM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025	LEC ROZH, 104 LAB SSC, 2105	deLaat, R
Registered, but not started	ENVS*1030*0105: Intro Environmental Sciences	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 THRN, 1200 LAB MCKN, 305	Rooney, N
Registered, but not started	MATH*1080*0104: Elements of Calculus I	0.50 Credits	LEC MWF 3:30 PM - 4:20 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 LAB Th 7:30 PM - 8:20 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025	LEC MACN, 105 LAB ROZH, 101	Kraus, D

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

Timeline in WebAdvisor

Course Plan **Timeline** Progress Course Catalog Unofficial Transcript

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BIOL*1070*0105: Discovering Biodiversity ✓
Credits: 0.50 Credits

CHEM*1040: General Chemistry I
Credits: 0.50 Credits

CHEM*1040*06M7: General Chemistry I ✓
Credits: 0.50 Credits

ENVS*1030*0105: Intro Environmental Sciences ✓
Credits: 1 Credits

MATH*1080*0104: Elements of Calculus I ✓
Credits: 0.50 Credits

2.50 Enrolled Credits, 0.50 Planned Credits

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BIOL*1090*0206: Intro to Molecular & Cell Biol ✓
Credits: 0.50 Credits

CHEM*1050: General Chemistry II
Credits: 0.50 Credits

CHEM*1050*0355: General Chemistry II ✓
Credits: 0.50 Credits

COOP*1100*01: Introduction to Coop Education ✓
Credits: 0 Credits, Pass/Fail only

FARE*1040*0105: Env. Econ., Law and Policy ✓
Credits: 1 Credits

GEOG*1300*0106: Intro to the Biophysical Env.

2.50 Enrolled Credits, 0.50 Planned Credits

Keep it cleaned up

Why is the University Structure so Confusing?

What are Colleges?

- 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 five 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:
MCKENZIE AND MIRAN



PRO TIPS FOR FIRST YEAR
COURSES...



ENVIRONMENT STUDENT
MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

*Deadline to register
is September 20th!*





How to find **Carie**...

- **OAC Program Counselling Office**
Location: Johnston Hall Room 133A
- Email August at oac.pco@uoguelph.ca to book a virtual or in-person appointment to meet with me!

My email: bscenvpc@uoguelph.ca

Other Helpful Resources

- **Student Accessibility Services:**
<https://wellness.uoguelph.ca/accessibility/>
- **McLaughlin Library:**
<https://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/>
- **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 email 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



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