



Bachelor of  
Indigenous  
Environmental  
Science and  
Practice

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**Academic  
Orientation**

**Fall 2023**

## 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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F23 Classes start **Thursday**  
**September 7<sup>th</sup>- Do NOT miss any**  
**classes!**

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Last day to **add** classes or  
change course sections for F23  
is September 15<sup>th</sup>

Last day to **drop** classes for F23 is  
the last class day - December 1<sup>st</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 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 **F24** (the 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**

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



**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!

# SES MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

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GET CONNECTED WITH AN  
UPPER YEAR  
ENVIRONMENT STUDENT

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS  
SEPTEMBER 30TH

UNIVERSITY  
of GUELPH

ONTARIO  
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE



# 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.

# My Progress and Viewing your Schedule on WebAdvisor

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
6am						
7am						
8am						
9am		MATH*1080*0403 LEC	IES*1010*01 LEC	MATH*1080*04 EXAM	MATH*1080*04 LEC	MATH*1080*0403 LEC
10am		INDG*1100*01 LEC			INDG*1100*01 LEC	INDG*1100*01 LEC
11am		ENVS*1040*0101 LEC		ENVS*1040*0101 LEC		ENVS*1040*0101 LEC
12pm						CHEM*1040*0374 EXAM
1pm						
2pm		CHEM*1040*0374 LEC		CHEM*1040*0374 LEC		CHEM*1040*0374 LEC
3pm		CHEM*1040*0374 LAB			ENVS*1040*0101 LAB	MATH*1080*0403 LAB
4pm						
5pm						
6pm						

# Schedule Print Feature in WebAdvisor



Print

Fall 2023

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

Schedule Details

Status	Course Title	Time	Location	Instructor
Registered, but not started	CHEM*1040*0374: General Chemistry I	LEC MWF 1:30 PM - 2:20 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 LAB M 2:30 PM - 5:20 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 EXAM F 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 12/15/2023 - 12/15/2023	LEC ROZH, 104 LAB SSC, 2102 EXAM TBD, TBD	Auzanneau, F
Registered, but not started	ENV5*1040*0101: Natural History of Great Lakes	LEC MWF 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 LAB Th 2:30 PM - 5:20 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023	LEC GRHM, 1316 LAB GRHM, 1316	Schmidt, J Young, A
Registered, but not started	IES*1010*01: Intro to Indg Enviro Sci	LEC T 8:30 AM - 11:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023	LEC ROZH, 108	Chiblow, S
Registered, but not started	INDG*1100*01: Indigenous Language & Culture	LEC WF 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 LEC M 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 EXAM Sa 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM 12/9/2023 - 12/9/2023	LEC MCKN, 304 LEC AD-S, VIRTUAL EXAM TBD, TBD	Kechego-Nichols, S
Registered, but not started	MATH*1080*0403: Elements of Calculus I	LEC MWF 8:30 AM - 9:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 LAB F 2:30 PM - 3:20 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 EXAM W 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 12/6/2023 - 12/6/2023	LEC WMEM, 103 LAB WMEM, 103 EXAM TBD, TBD	Richards, G

# 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:** [oaaward@uoguelph.ca](mailto:oaaward@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...

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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