

Environmental Studies (ENST)

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ENST 1000 [0.5 credit]

Introduction to Environmental and Climate Change Studies

A critical introduction to the scholarly field of environmental studies, with an emphasis on society-environment entanglements. It is designed to engage with environmental and climate change issues. Possible themes include population, scarcity, institutions, commons, risks, hazards, markets, political economy, and the social construction of nature.

Precludes additional credit for FYSM 1100 and ENST 1001 (no longer offered).

Lecture two hours and workshops/tutorials one hour weekly.

ENST 1020 [0.5 credit]

People, Places and Environments

Introduction to human geography. Examination of relationships between people, communities, society and the natural environment at local to global scales. Population change, cultural patterns, and historical, economic, political and environmental forces, including climate change, that shape human activity and experiences from place to place.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as GEOG 1020.

Lectures two hours a week and tutorial one hour a week.

ENST 2000 [0.5 credit]

Environmental Justice

Contemporary and foundational theories, practice and praxis of environmental justice in Canadian and comparative settings. Combine and communicate about aspects of the physical, built and social environments to understand how uneven conditions develop. Strategies and ideas to move towards greater equity and good environmental relationships.

Prerequisite(s): second-year standing in the Environmental Studies program or permission of the Department.

Lecture two hours a week, discussion one hour a week.

ENST 2001 [0.5 credit]

Sustainable Futures: Environmental Challenges and Solutions

Individual and collective responses to pressing environmental problems, such as climate change. Innovative ways in which the environment can be protected and restored, taking into consideration socioeconomic, political and cultural factors. Topics include environmental lifestyles, sustainable communities, food systems, environmental design, and political activism.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): second-year standing in the Environmental Studies program or permission of the Department.

Lectures, seminars and field work three hours a week.

ENST 2005 [0.5 credit]

Introduction to Qualitative Research

Introduction to the research process, from generating questions through to reporting results. Topics include intensive and extensive research approaches; the use of surveys, interviews and other data collection methods; the analysis of qualitative information; and the ethical dimensions of doing research with people and communities.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as GEOG 2005.

Prerequisite(s): 1.0 credit in GEOG or ENST at the 1000-level and second-year standing, or permission of the Department.

Lectures two hours a week, workshop two hours a week.

ENST 2006 [0.5 credit]

Introduction to Quantitative Research

Introduction to solving problems using descriptive and inferential statistical methods. Graphical and numerical tools to describe distributions. Probability, sampling and estimates, and hypothesis testing. Fundamentals of spatial statistics and analysis.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as GEOG 2006.

Precludes additional credit for BIT 2000, BIT 2009, BIT 2100 (no longer offered), BIT 2300 (no longer offered), DATA 1517, ECON 2210, NEUR 2002, PSCI 2702, STAT 2507, STAT 2601, STAT 2606.

Lectures two hours a week, laboratory two hours a week.

ENST 2500 [0.5 credit]**Climate Change: Social Science Perspectives**

An introduction to climate change as a political, economic and socio-cultural phenomenon, including the political-economic and world-historical causes of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions; variations in impact and vulnerability; climate justice and other political movements; global mitigation and adaptation strategies; and proposals for radical systemic change.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as GEOG 2500.

Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the department.

Lectures two hours a week, discussion groups one hour a week.

ENST 3000 [0.5 credit]**Nature, Environment and Society**

Overview of social science perspectives analyzing the relationship of nature and society. Examination of environmental problems, responses, and potential solutions through the study of concepts, theories, and research drawn from a range of scholarly approaches to environmental and climate change studies.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in Environmental Studies or permission of the department.

Lecture and discussion three hours a week.

ENST 3022 [0.5 credit]**Environmental and Natural Resources**

Exploration of complexity, dynamics, uncertainty and equity issues underpinning environmental and resource issues; review and appraisal of selected contemporary methods to assess and manage environmental and natural resources.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as GEOG 3022.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in Geography or Environmental Studies or BGIInS Specialization/Stream in Globalization and Environment or permission of the Department.

Lecture three hours a week.

ENST 3500 [0.5 credit]**Climate Justice and Action: Organizing for a Just, Equitable and Sustainable World**

Exploration of how communities and movements fight the climate crisis and build alternative futures. It combines critical theory with hands-on learning to examine the collective actions and organizing strategies through which social movements tackle the systemic factors shaping climate change and its uneven impacts.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the department.

Lecture three hours a week.

ENST 3900 [0.5 credit]**Honours Field Course**

Field research, with a focus on data collection methods, analysis and presentation of findings. Design and conduct research that links the human and biophysical environment. Topics may change from year to year.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as GEOG 3000.

Precludes additional credit for ENST 2900 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): GEOG 2005/ ENST 2005 and GEOG 2006/ ENST 2006, third-year Honours standing in Environmental Studies, Geomatics, or Geography, or permission of the Department.

Normally consists of a multi-day field excursion in the Ottawa region. A supplementary charge may apply.

Consult the department regarding course details.

ENST 3999 [0.0 credit]**Co-operative Work Term**

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

ENST 4000 [0.5 credit]**Environmental and Climate Change Studies Seminar**

An advanced seminar designed to provide a capstone experience that builds upon and applies the analytical skills and interdisciplinary knowledge acquired in the Environmental Studies program. Topics vary year to year and by course section (see departmental website).

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): Registration is restricted to students eligible for fourth-year standing in the B.A. (Environmental Studies) Honours program.

Seminar three hours per week.

ENST 4001 [0.5 credit]**Environmental Studies Practicum I**

Students apply their knowledge and research skills and gain experience through field placements in government, the private sector, non-government organisations and with community organisations in the environmental field.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): registration is restricted to students eligible for fourth-year standing in the B.A. (Environmental Studies) Honours program, and permission of the Environmental Studies Co-ordinator.

ENST 4002 [0.5 credit]**Environmental Studies Practicum II**

Students apply their knowledge and research skills and gain experience through field placements in government, the private sector, non-government organisations and with community organisations in the environmental field.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): restricted to students in the fourth year of the Environmental Studies Honours program, and permission of the Environmental Studies Co-ordinator.

ENST 4004 [0.5 credit]**Environmental Impact Assessment**

Principles, scope and purpose of environmental impact assessment, from conceptual and methodological points of view; range of environmental issues, with emphasis on Canadian case studies.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as GEOG 4004.

Prerequisite(s): GEOG 3022 or ENST 3022, and fourth-year Honours standing in Geography or Environmental Studies or Environmental Science, or permission of the Department.

Lectures and seminars three hours per week.

ENST 4005 [0.5 credit]**Directed Studies in Environmental Studies**

Students pursue their interest in a selected theme in environmental studies on a tutorial basis with a faculty member.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department.

ENST 4006 [0.5 credit]**Environmental Policy Analysis**

Critical examination of the creation, implementation and effectiveness of government policies related to environmental issues. Emphasis on perspectives, actors, institutions and social and economic relationships affecting policy responses to these issues, and on tools for analyzing the implications of specific policy choices.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year Honours standing in Environmental Studies, Geography, or permission of the Department.

Seminar three hours per week.

ENST 4007 [0.5 credit]**Special Topics in Geography and Environmental Studies**

Selected topics in geography and/or environmental studies.

Also listed as GEOG 4007.

Precludes additional credit for GEOG 4006 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year Honours standing in the Department or permission of the Department.

Seminar three hours per week.

ENST 4022 [0.5 credit]**Seminar in People, Resources, and Environmental Change**

A selected topic or field of inquiry concerning natural resource use and environmental change.

Also listed as GEOG 4022.

Prerequisite(s): GEOG 3022 or ENST 3022 and fourth-year Honours standing in Geography or Environmental Studies or BGIInS Specialization in Globalization and Environment, or permission of the Department.

Seminar three hours per week.

ENST 4050 [0.5 credit]**Environmental and Geographic Education**

Selected theoretical and applied issues concerning environmental and geographic education.

Also listed as GEOG 4050.

Prerequisite(s): Third-year honours standing in Geography or Environmental Studies, or permission of the Department.

Seminar three hours per week.

ENST 4400 [0.5 credit]**Field Studies**

Field observation and methodology in a selected region, special topic or contemporary problem; on an individual or group basis.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as GEOG 4000.

Prerequisite(s): third-year Honours standing and permission of the Department.

Hours to be arranged.

ENST 4450 [0.5 credit]**Community-Engaged Research**

Working in partnership with local organizations, students apply their geographical knowledge to conduct community-engaged research. Student projects will generate outputs for community partners. Research topics vary year to year.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as GEOG 4450.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing, or permission of the department.

Lectures, discussion and project work three hours a week.

ENST 4906 [1.0 credit]**Honours Research Project**

An independent investigation into a select aspect of environmental studies, supervised by a faculty member.

Possible outcomes might include: workshops, audio-visual productions, lay publications, and field projects accompanied by an essay demonstrating the student's capacity to critically reflect on the research project.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for GEOG 4904/GEOM 4904 (no longer offered), GEOG 4909, GEOM 4909, GEOG 4906, GEOM 4906, and ENST 4907.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year Honours standing in Environmental Studies, a minimum CGPA of 9.00 in the major or permission of the Department, and an approved research topic and adviser.

Hours to be arranged with faculty adviser.

ENST 4907 [1.0 credit]**Honours Research Essay**

Interdisciplinary research essay on an environmental issue, carried out in consultation with a faculty supervisor.

The student must consult with the undergraduate student advisor in selecting a project and a supervisor.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for ENST 4906, GEOG 4909, GEOM 4909, GEOG 4904/GEOM 4904 (no longer offered), GEOG 4906 and GEOM 4906.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year Honours standing in Environmental Studies, a minimum CGPA of 9.00 in the major or permission of the Department, and an approved research topic and adviser.

Hours to be arranged with faculty adviser.