DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (DPES)
Master’s and Doctoral Programs
&
SCHOOL OF THE ENVIRONMENT
Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies (CSES)

COLLABORATIVE SPECIALISATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
MASTER (MEnvSc) OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND
DOCTOR (PHD) OF PHILOSOPHY IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Effective Date: September 2021

Concerning specific requirements for master’s and doctoral degree students registered in the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences (DPES) at UTSC and in the Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies (CSES) at the School of the Environment.

Master (MEnvSc) of Environmental Science (Research Paper or Internship Option)

Masters students in this degree program must complete a total of 5.5 full-course equivalents (FCEs) in the home department. At least 30% (1.5 FCEs) of the courses taken towards the MEnvSc degree program must be in the area of the Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies (CSES) as follows:

- Take 1.0 FCEs, including the mandatory core course ENV1001H, plus one half-credit course elective from the approved list of courses at School of the Environment, chosen in consultation with the faculty advisor and approved by the Graduate Chair of DPES.
- The remaining 0.5 FCE can be satisfied through some combination of coursework as follows: the MEnvSc “Internship” (EES1116Y) that is equal to 2.0 FCEs, or the MEnvSc “Research Paper” (EES1101Y) that is equal to 1.5 FCEs shall count towards CSES requirements, provided they will include an environment related component, which will meet the 30% requirement for CSES. Alternatively, students can take additional ENV courses, including an “Individual Research Course” (ENV2000H), or additional EES courses that are formally cross-listed with the School of the Environment.

Master’s students in the research paper option, must submit a digital copy of the final research paper to the School of the Environment prior to convocation.

Upon completion of their internship, master’s students in this degree option, must submit a copy of the letter of assessment of the student’s performance issued by the internship supervisor.

NOTE: The CSES coursework requirements may be counted as electives towards the MEnvSc degree program requirements.
**Doctor (PhD) of Philosophy**

Doctoral students in this degree program must complete a total of 2.0 full-course equivalents (FCEs) in the home department, including:

- The mandatory core course ENV1001H (0.5 FCE), unless already taken at the master's level, plus one half-credit (0.5 FCE) course elective from the School of the Environment list of courses.
- The thesis written in the home unit towards the PhD degree program must be on an environment related topic or include and environment related component.
- In addition, all Ph.D. students are required to give an oral presentation of their doctoral research as part of the School’s Environment Seminar Series or Research Day, which is held once per year. For the latter, the oral presentation may or may not be done in conjunction with a summary poster, depending on the decided format of the School’s Research Day in any given year.

It is recommended that each thesis committee will require a supervisor from the student’s home department and at least one other member from another graduate unit, both of whom are also members of graduate faculty in the School of the Environment. If your supervisor is not a graduate faculty member of the School of the Environment, please contact the School’s Graduate Student Advisor at grad.office.env@utoronto.ca.

A digital copy of the final thesis must be submitted to the School of the Environment prior to convocation.

**NOTE:** The CSES coursework requirements may be counted as electives towards the doctoral degree program requirements.