



Career Options after

Environmental Studies

the study of people and the environment

www.utsc.utoronto.ca/physsci/

Major

What is Environmental Studies?

Environmental Studies is a physical science that bridges the sciences and humanities. It focuses on the social, economic, policy and scientific context of complex environmental issues. Drawing from a diversity of knowledge from experts and practitioners, it studies the causes and effects of environmental problems from across disciplines to generate multi-faceted solutions.

Skills of Environmental Studies Grads

- Critically assess, integrate and mobilise information from an interdisciplinary perspective
- Utilize relevant project management, monitoring and evaluation techniques
- Consider environmental policies and principles when engaging in environmental decision-making
- Communicate, orally and in writing, broad understanding of local, national and international environmental issues
- Engage in team-based research, analysis and problem-solving
- Apply statistical and data representation techniques to solve problems
- Utilize assessment tools to evaluate proposed environmental plans, policies or projects

What makes Environmental Studies at UTSC unique? Environmental problem-solving not only requires sound knowledge from the natural sciences, but from the social sciences and humanities as well. It is critical to understand how environmental change will impact humans, how impacts are received and weighed and what actions can be taken to address those impacts in an effective and inclusive manner. To understand these connections you will work on real world environmental problems with partners from government, industry, the ENGO and research communities.

Entry-Level Jobs for Bachelor Grads

Common employment destinations include:

- Project Leader in Environmental Non-Profits
- Stewardship Coordinator in Conservation Authorities
- Educational Program Officer for urban, rural and international development organizations
- Environmental Specialist/Coordinator in Private Corporations
- Environmental policy analyst in government agencies
- Environmental sustainability monitoring
- Environmental facilitators/conflict resolution

The Career Directory: www.canadastop100.com/tcd

Graduate & Professional Studies

Popular further education opportunities include:

- Environmental Studies - Master
- Environmental Science – Master and PhD
- Sustainability Management – Master
- Environmental Management – Post-Graduate Diploma
- Geography and Planning – Master and PhD
- Forestry – Master
- <http://www.eco.ca/pdf/Canadian-Environmental-Trends-Supplemental-Report-2010.pdf>

Use LinkedIn!

U of T Environmental Studies graduates have developed transferrable skills highly sought by the private, public and not-for profits sectors.

Attend our LinkedIn workshop to learn about the *Find Alumni* tool!

Environmental

Studies Grads from U of T develop an interdisciplinary understanding of environmental issues, gaining comprehensive skills and insights that contribute to transformative leadership in sustainability careers



Examples of Fields that 'Fit' the Skills of Environmental Studies Grads

- Environmental Consulting
- Private/Public Research and Development
- Government (Municipal, Regional, Provincial, Federal)
- Sustainability Management (e.g. Recycling)
- Transportation infrastructure and planning
- Food and Agriculture

Your 4-Year Career Exploration Action Plan

1 Do Your Research

The databases below provide you with details about job prospects, nature of work, educational requirements, working conditions, pay and related career paths:

Career Cruising: Log into cln.utoronto.ca, click on Resources, and click on Career Cruising to be logged in automatically

O*Net: online.onetcenter.org (U.S. site)

Attend our workshop **Discover Your Skills and Career Options**, meet with a Career Counsellor, and use our resources to get to know your skills, values, personality and interests:

www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/get-know-yourself

Use the advice on our tip sheets for gathering info: www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/tipsheets

- Information Interviews
- Working On-Campus
- Internships
- Volunteering

3 Build Your Network

Explore **Professional Associations** and get involved: volunteer for their events and conferences, and get to know people in your industry of interest. These are your future mentors, supervisors and colleagues!

Environmental & Physical Sciences Student Association - www.myepsa.ca

Environmental Studies Association of Canada - www.esac.ca

Ontario Environment Industry Association - www.oneia.ca

ECO Canada – Environmental Careers Organization of Canada - www.eco.ca

Connecting Environmental Professionals (CEP) Toronto - www.ceptoronto.org

Environmental Health Association of Ontario - www.ehaontario.ca

Ontario Environmental Network - www.oen.ca

Planet Friendly - www.planetfriendly.net

Environmental Education Ontario - www.eeon.org

Food Secure Canada - <http://foodsecurecanada.org>

2 Explore Options & Get Experience

Gain exposure to your options in the world of work and make connections while you're a student via campus events and programs listed on cln.utoronto.ca and ccr.utoronto.ca:

- [Extern Job Shadowing](#)
- [In the Field](#)
- [Explore It!](#) (course-based)
- [Partners in Leadership](#) (4th year students)
- [iLead, uLead, weLead](#) (Dep't of Student Life)
- Employer Information Sessions
- Career & Volunteer Fairs
- [Departmental Student Association](#) Events

Apply for [Work Study](#) jobs on CLN in the Fall and Spring! You might also find work via www.scsu.ca/jobs.

Find networking opportunities, internship programs and entry-level jobs via websites like www.talentegg.ca and www.charityvillage.ca.

As an upper year student (14+ credits), attend UTSC's [Get Hired Conference](#) and participate in [Jobs for Grads](#).

As a graduate, explore internships and other trainee programs like www.careeredge.ca