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Faculty of Environmental & Urban Change

Future Students Handbook



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About Our Faculty

York University is home to the only Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change (EUC) in the world. Offering 21st century education in a student-centric, research-intensive, and inclusive community, EUC prepares career-ready graduates to respond to the most pressing challenges facing humanity and the planet. Become a changemaker and choose a program that will prepare you with the fundamental knowledge, critical thinking skills, hands-on experience, and global perspectives necessary to achieve personal success and make positive change.



Meet Dean Alice J. Hovorka

As EUC Dean, Alice maintains an open, inclusive and participatory approach to fostering community. She is a dedicated teacher and mentor, supporting innovation in curriculum design, interdisciplinary thinking, and experiential learning. She leads a research team exploring human-animal relations globally.

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406
Undergraduate
students



230
Graduate students



500+
Community partners



13,933
Alumni



\$500k+
in undergraduate
student awards
every year

EUC Programs: Choose Your Major



Cities, Regions, Planning (BES)

We live in an urban world. Learn how inclusive and sustainable planning can help cities and regions around the globe face and manage the pressing social and environmental challenges caused by increased urbanization.

CAREER PATHS:

Urban, Land Use or Transportation Planner, Policy Advisor and Consultant, LEED Technical Coordinator, Transit Supervisor or Manager, Planning and Space Assessor



"At What Cost?", Nicoletta Martin (BES '21)

Environmental Arts & Justice (BES)

Create solutions toward a just and equitable world. Address our local and global environmental challenges through various ways of knowing, thinking and creating, by exploring policy and legal possibilities, and by developing hands-on and professional artistic practices.

CAREER PATHS:

Environmental Lawyer, Policy Developer, Diversity and Equity Professional, Outreach Educator, Artist and Designer, Environmental Organizer



Global Geography (BA)

Global Geography explores how human societies and physical environments are deeply connected and constantly changing. Students learn how to analyze global processes including urbanization, uneven development and inequality, migration and identity formation, and environmental change.

CAREER PATHS:

GIS and Remote Sensing Analyst,
Global Geography and Environmental Educator,
Conservation Planner, Climatologist, Meteorologist



Environmental Science (BSc)

Explore how human activity impacts our planet. Learn how the physical and biological sciences can address the global environmental challenges of our time. Study the science of how environmental systems work through two streams: Environmental Dynamics, or Biodiversity and Conservation.

CAREER PATHS:

Aquatic Scientist, Conservationist,
Environmental Control Specialist, Laboratory Technician,
Climate Change Scientist, Hydrologist, Wildlife Biologist



Sustainable Environmental Management (BES)

Explore some of the most critical issues facing the earth today: the climate crisis, the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services, waste management, energy consumption, and sustainable solutions. Investigate how the environment and natural resources are managed, and how we can transition toward more just and sustainable systems.

CAREER PATHS:

Environmental Outreach and Stewardship Coordinator,
Energy Assessor, Environmental Educator,
Green Entrepreneur, Policy Analyst, Project Coordinator

Undeclared (BA/BES)

The Undeclared major option offers you an open first year experience where you can take foundation courses in four majors offered by the Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change (EUC) at York University.

PLEASE NOTE: The Undeclared major option is available for first time university students only and does not include the option to transfer to Environmental Science (BSc) major in EUC.

Accelerate Your Career: Program Options

Certificate in Climate Solutions and Sustainable Energy

Explore some of the most critical issues facing the earth today: the climate crisis, the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services, waste management, energy consumption, and sustainable solutions.

Certificate in Geomatics: Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing

Geomatics encompass the logic, art, science and technology involved in collecting, managing, and communicating geographically referenced information in its many forms.

Pathway to the Master of Management (MMgt) A Partnership with the Schulich School of Business

In partnership with the Schulich School of Business, EUC is excited to announce the launch of the Pathway to Master of Management (MMgt) providing high achieving students the opportunity to link their fourth year EUC degree program to a one-year MMgt degree, growing their knowledge to open doors for new career opportunities post-graduation. Eligible for **ALL** degree programs offered by EUC.

Pathway to Master in Environmental Studies (MES) Planning Program

The EUC 3+2 pathways link together 3 years of undergraduate study in Cities, Regions, Planning (BES), Environmental Arts & Justice (BES), Global Geography (BA), or Sustainable Environmental Management (BES) with two years of graduate study in the Master in Environmental Studies (MES) program.



Real Students, Real Stories

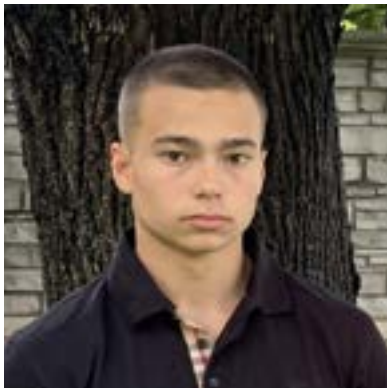


Kira Jordun

3rd year Global Geography (BA)

Emily Carr Secondary School

“The experiential learning opportunities offered within EUC have enabled me to build valuable connections with esteemed faculty and likeminded peers. These immersive experiences have not only equipped me with strong research skills but also instilled in me a passion for environmental stewardship, preparing me to make a tangible impact in the field.”



Julian De Lisio

3rd year Cities, Regions, Planning (BES)

Father Bressani Catholic High School

“Through the Cities, Regions, Planning and Schulich PMMP (4+1 Pathway) program, I aim to integrate urban planning principles with sustainable practices to balance economic growth with environmental stewardship, ensuring healthy ecosystems and vibrant communities.”



Luisa Regina Anota Guzman

Sustainable Environmental Management (BES '24)

Masters in Environmental Studies Candidate

Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey

“My time at the EUC has been transformative, making me feel like a true changemaker. As an international student, the welcoming community, experiential education courses, and networking opportunities have made me feel valued and helped bring my ideas, goals, and career plans to life.”



Did you know you can customize your degree?

Students have the flexibility to choose your major and even explore minors that complement your interests. Whether you're passionate about one subject or eager to combine disciplines, EUC allows you to tailor your academic journey to suit your unique goals.



Experiential Education

Experiential Education is a hands-on approach to learning in which you participate in practical activities in the classroom, community, and workplace. EUC offers 40+ undergraduate courses with an experiential education component and offers the Cross-Campus Capstone Classroom or C4 to provide students with an opportunity to work effectively in interdisciplinary teams on real-world challenges with social impact.

Las Nubes EcoCampus in Costa Rica

Our EcoCampus located in Costa Rica supports the protection of the biological, ecological, and social values of the Las Nubes Biological Reserve. Students can travel to the EcoCampus while earning credits towards their degree.

Maloca Community Garden

The Maloca Community Garden is a space for all members of the University community to experience, from growing their own food to taking courses. Maloca Community Garden is a great setting for sustainable teaching and holding special outdoor events.

Co-op & Work Placements

Our Co-op Program provides students with the chance to integrate their classroom learning with practical, hands-on experience throughout their degree. By the end of the degree program, students will have completed at least two separate periods of work for a total of 12 to 16 months of paid employment experience. Fourth-year undergraduate students can earn degree credits through these placements, facilitated by community partners like The City of Toronto and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

Student Life & Services

Career Support Services

To help you succeed, our Experiential Education Coordinator provides a variety of career support services to our students such as interview help, interview prep, and more. We also maintain an exclusive job board just for our students.

Clubs & Student Associations

EUC has a variety of clubs and student associations such as EUCSA, Regenesis, and EUC Black Caucus. These groups are a way for students to become involved in our community of changemakers.



Student Wellness Leaders Program

Student Health & Wellness Mentor Leads support our team of Peer Mentors. They provide peer support and develop programming and strategies for maintaining holistic wellness and a healthy lifestyle.

Peer Mentors & Black Mentorship Program

Peer Mentors provide a positive influence on other students with sound advice, encouragement and support in academic success and navigating university life. EUC's Black Mentorship Program is alumni-to-student mentorship program in accordance with EUC's Black Inclusion Plan to enhance learning opportunities and support for Black EUC students.

Events at EUC

We offer lectures, seminars, conferences, workshops, and social events. [Click here](#) to learn more.

A Community of Changemakers



Quin Douris (BES '23)

Senior Environmental Consultant,
Canadian Tire Corporation

“My time at EUC has equipped me with the knowledge and tools necessary to succeed in my career post-grad. I’ve been able to build a strong network of connections that I know I can lean on.”



Rabia Munir (BES '19)

Associate Development Manager,
GWL Realty Advisors

“It may sound cliché but being true to myself proved to be crucial. Authenticity not only helps in building genuine connections but also boosts self-assurance.”



Edward Parker (BA in Geography '14)

Meteorological Technician,
Environmental and Climate Change Canada

“My advice to students is to explore the variety of career paths that are available with a geography degree.”

Our Faculty’s most effective ambassadors

Our alumni play a vital role in the University and beyond. These professionals and champions of sustainability and justice work in various roles as environmental educators, urban planners, lawyers, activists, research analysts, social advocates and more. [Click here](#) to read more about our alumni.



Admission Requirements & Scholarships

Program	High School Requirements	Admission Average Range*	OUAC Code
Cities, Regions, Planning (BES)	ENG4U	Mid to high 70s	YHV
Environmental Arts & Justice (BES)	ENG4U	Mid to high 70s	YDF
Environmental Science (BSc)	ENG4U SBI4U SCH4U MCV4U MHF4U	High 70s to Mid 80s	YBS
Global Geography (BA)	ENG4U	Mid to high 70s	YEY
Sustainable Environmental Management (BES)	ENG4U	Mid to high 70s	YEZ
Undeclared Major (BA)	ENG4U	Mid to high 70s	YBQ

*Program admission averages can vary from year to year. These ranges are a general guideline and should not deter any potential applicants.

BES - Bachelor in Environmental Science,
BSc - Bachelor in Science, **BA** - Bachelor of Arts

Entrance Scholarships and Awards for NEW Undergraduate Students

Your hard work deserves to be supported! We offer awards valued at up to \$7,500:

- Dean's Entrance Scholarship (\$7,500)
- Unilever Canada Undergraduate Entrance Award (\$5,000)
- The Sgro Academic Leadership Entrance Award (\$3,000)
- George and Helen Vari Foundation Entrance Award (\$2,500)
- The Han Shan Sih Buddhist Society Bursary (\$2,500)
- The Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change Specialist
- High Skills Major Award (\$1,000)

Why Study At The Faculty of Environmental & Urban Change?



Innovative and
Real-World Research



One-on-One
Career Coaching



Flexible and
Hands-On Learning



Diverse Global
Perspectives






Supportive and
Inclusive Community



Study Abroad at
our EcoCampus

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Amazing things happen when diverse communities work together to tackle world issues. When York University students apply their knowledge, they have the power to make things right.

Join us in creating positive change. yorku.ca/rightthefuture

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