

INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE (IEG)

If you have further questions about this Certificate, please contact the SCS advising office (counsel2@uoguelph.ca).

Department of Geography, Environment and Geomatics, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences

The Certificate in Indigenous Environmental Governance is designed to provide students with a mix of theoretical knowledge and applied skills in Indigenous environmental governance. The goal is to enable students to critically assess environmental stewardship from a knowledge systems approach and understand how Indigenous and western scientific knowledges describe and seek to address environmental change and (un)sustainable development. Special attention will be paid to biocultural approaches to environmental governance. The legal, political, economic, and social contexts of territorial stewardship and resource management in settler states, especially Canada, will also be foregrounded. Notably, students will be introduced to Indigenous-settler histories and relations in Canada, the Crown's fiduciary duty to Indigenous Peoples, the Duty to Consult and international protocols such as the UN Declaration on Indigenous Peoples. Students will develop skills in research, understanding conflict and conflict resolution, and participate in a community-based, experiential learning capstone project.

The Indigenous Environmental Governance certificate program is offered through the Department of Geography, Environment and Geomatics in the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences.

Learning Outcomes

A graduate of the certificate program will be able to:

- Examine the contemporary and historical context of colonialism and its impact on resource and environmental governance;
- Identify principles of different knowledge systems and analyze current environmental governance systems from a knowledge system perspective;
- Describe conflict resolution processes around Indigenous environmental governance;
- Assess the political, legal context of the duty to consult and the Crown's relationship with Indigenous Peoples;
- Apply knowledge systems to environmental governance issues; and
- Engage in community-based research around environmental stewardship.

Certificate Requirements

The Certificate requires the five courses listed below:

Code	Title	Credits
GEOG*3210	Indigenous-Settler Relationships in Environmental Governance	0.50
INDG*1000	Indigenous-Settler Relations	0.50
INDG*4000	Capstone: Indigenous Env Gov	0.50
POLS*3340	Indigenous Politics in Canada	0.50
SOC*2280	Society, Knowledge Systems and Environment	0.50