

Bachelor of Environmental Science with Honours

BEnvSci(hons)



Your Degree

SCIE 101	ENVR 101	GEOG 106	BIOL 112	STAT 101	CHEM 114/111	100	100
ENVR 209	ENVR210	BIOL 209/ GEOG 205/208	BIOL 274	200	200	200	100 / 200
ENVR 304	ENVR 302		PSYC 341	300	300	300	200 / 300
ENVR 415	ENVR 411	ENVR 480 RESEARCH PROJECT		400	400	400	400

Each small block represents a 15-point course. Each large block represents a 30-point course. Fill in the squares with other courses from your major and that you are taking throughout your degree. Unsure? Meet with your Kaitoko (1st year) or Student Advisor to confirm your year plan.

Your Time:

Time	Monday Mane	Tuesday Tūrei	Wednesday Wenerei	Thursday Tāite	Friday Paraire	Saturday Hātarei	Sunday Rātapu
8AM							
9AM							
10AM							
11AM							
12PM							
1PM							
2PM							
3PM							
4PM							
5PM							
6PM							
7PM							

Each 15 point course should use about 10 hours of your time – including lectures, labs and tutorials and self-directed study

The Academic Year

The academic year is split into two semesters, with a two-week break in the middle. Each semester ends with a one-week study break, followed by two weeks for exams.

At 100 level, most courses are 15 points. At 200 and 300 level, course may be 15 or 30 points in the Faculty of Science, but the time commitment is the same; 15 points = 10 hours a week.

	Semester One	Semester Two
Year One	Four courses	Four courses
Year Two	Four courses	Four courses
Year Three	Four courses	Four courses

What is a GPA?

GPA stands for Grade Point Average, and this is recorded on your internal transcript. You can view this in myUC. Each grade you receive has a corresponding numerical grade value assigned to it.

The GPA is based on an average which is calculated by multiplying each grade's value by the course's points to achieve a Grade Point Total, which is then divided by the total number of points taken.

Grading Scale

Grade	GPA Value	Marks	Pass/Fail
A+	9	90 – 100	Pass
A	8	85 – 89.99	
A-	7	80 – 84.99	
B+	6	75 – 79.99	
B	5	70 – 74.99	
B-	4	65 – 69.99	
C+	3	60 – 64.99	
C	2	55 – 59.99	
C-	1	50 – 54.99	
D	0	40 – 49.99	Fail
E	-1	0 – 39.99	

Non-numerical grades

Grade	GPA Value	Definition
P	n/a	Pass
F	n/a	Fail
S	n/a	Special Pass
R	1	Restricted Pass*
X	-3	Dishonesty

* In a 100 or 200 level course. A restricted pass maybe granted. This is equivalent to a pass for all purposes except as a prerequisite.

Table contains undergraduate non numerical grades only.

FAQs

How do I change from a BSc to a BEnvSci(hons)?

To change from the BSc to the BEnvSci(hons), you will need to seek specialist advice from either the Science Student Advisor, the programme coordinator or the Science Kaitoko. You must fulfil all the degree requirements for the BEnvSci(hons), including all compulsory core courses and those of your chosen major.

Are there work placement requirements for the degree?

Yes, the degree requires 400 hours of work-based learning.

How do I change my major in a BEnvSci(hons)?

To change your major, it is important to be aware of the requirements of your new major, and to seek advice. If you change majors after your first year of study, it may mean that you will take longer to complete your qualification.

How do I choose a major in a BEnvSci(hons)?

It is helpful to think about where you might want a career in environmental science to help you choose your major. Also, talk to specialist staff about their courses. We know that students doing subjects that interest them are more likely to succeed in their studies.

Can I take a double major in a BEnvSci(hons)?

It is not recommended that you take a double major in the BEnvSci(hons), however if you choose to you will need to seek advice in each year of study.

What other support is available to me?

There are many support services available on campus, whether you are looking to remedy a specific problem, or just see if you can do better in any area of your life. You can see the full list of support services under the "support services" tab in UC Home page.

You can also check out the services the Te Pātaka in the Central library.

Have more questions?



Check out our full list of frequently asked questions, watch our video or find out what other students are asking on our website.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/science/students

About the BEnvSci(hons)

The Bachelor of Environmental Science with Honours (BEnvSci(hons) degree consists of an environmental science core, a major from the second year onwards, and optional courses where you can follow your interests and find courses to support your environmental science major.

The degree takes an interdisciplinary, quantitative, and bicultural approach to environmental science.

The first year consists of 6 prescribed courses to ensure a thorough grounding in bio-physical sciences and analytical skills.

From second year onwards the students will select one of six interdisciplinary majors.

The six majors are:

- **Freshwater.** Acquire skills to assist with the management of freshwater resources and ecosystems.
- **Ecosystem Health and Biosecurity.** Combine ecological knowledge, field and lab skills to manage natural resources.
- **Environmental Change.** Develop skills to tackle a range of environmental issues.
- **Environmental Contamination.** Determine and mitigate impacts of environmental contamination.
- **Environmental Hazards and Disasters.** Understand, mitigate and manage anticipated hazard impacts.
- **Sustainable Coasts.** Contribute to sustainable use and management of coastal and marine resources.

The BEnvSci(Hons) degree requires a minimum total of 480 points:

- 270 points of compulsory Environmental Science core courses
- a minimum of 135 points of courses towards a major
- a minimum of 60 points of elective courses.
- You will also complete 400 hours of practical work placement arranged through UC with ENVR 300 Environmental Science Work Experience (0 points, 0 fees).

Would you like to know more?

Kaitoko Science Representatives:

Amanda Mitchell and Lily Adams
kaitoko@canterbury.ac.nz

UC Science Office:

Senior Academic Advisor - Anna Chapman
Student Advisor - Bengu Korkut Yalcin
scienceugadvice@canterbury.ac.nz

See the full list of Science Course Coordinators on our website.