DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Summary

• Degree offered: Doctorate in Philosophy (PhD)
• Registration status options: Full-time
• Language of instruction: English

Most of the courses in this program are offered in English. Research activities can be conducted in English, French, or both, depending on the language used by the professor and the members of his or her research group.

• Program option (expected duration of the program):
  • with thesis (16 full-time terms; 64 consecutive months)
• Academic units: Faculty of Engineering (http://engineering.uottawa.ca), Ottawa-Carleton Institute of Environmental Engineering (http://www.ociene.ca).

Program Description
Ottawa-Carleton Joint Program

Established in 2000, the Ottawa-Carleton Institute of Environmental Engineering (OCIEE) combines the teaching and research strengths of the Department of Civil Engineering and the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Ottawa with that of the Departments of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Carleton University.

The Institute offers graduate programs leading to the degrees of Master of Applied Science in Environmental Engineering (MASc), Master of Applied Science in Environmental Engineering (MASc) Specialization in Environmental Sustainability, a Master of Engineering (MEng) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Environmental Engineering.

Main Areas of Research

• Water and waste processing or treatment
• Management of solid and hazardous waste
• Air pollution
• Water resources and groundwater management

Note: Further information is posted on the departmental website.

Learning Outcomes

• Autonomy in conducting research
• Autonomy in preparing scholarly publications

Other Programs Offered Within the Same Discipline or in a Related Area

• Master of Engineering Environmental Engineering (MEng)
• Master of Engineering Civil Engineering (MEng)
• Doctorate in Philosophy Civil Engineering (PhD)

Fees and Funding

• Program fees:

  The estimated amount for university fees (https://www.uottawa.ca/university-fees) associated with this program are available under the section Finance your studies (http://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/finance-studies).

  International students enrolled in a French-language program of study may be eligible for a differential tuition fee exemption (https://www.uottawa.ca/university-fees/differential-tuition-fee-exemption).

• To learn about possibilities for financing your graduate studies, consult the Awards and financial support (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/awards) section.

Notes

• Programs are governed by the general regulations (http://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/general-regulations) in effect for graduate studies and by the general regulations of the Ottawa-Carleton Institute of Environmental Engineering (OCIEE).
• In accordance with the University of Ottawa regulation, students have the right to complete their assignments, examinations, research papers, and theses in French or in English.
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Admission Requirements
For the most accurate and up to date information on application deadlines, language tests and other admission requirements, please visit the specific requirements (http://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/apply/specific-requirements) webpage.

To be eligible, candidates must:
• Hold a master’s degree in environmental engineering or in an engineering discipline with an environmental specialization with a minimum average of 75% (B+)
  Note: International candidates must check the admission equivalencies (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/international/study-uottawa/admission-equivalencies) for the diploma they received in their country of origin.
• Demonstrate a good academic research performance.
• Identify at least one professor who is willing to supervise your research and thesis.
  • We recommend that you contact potential thesis supervisors as soon as possible.
  • To register, you need to have been accepted by a thesis supervisor.
  • The supervisor’s name is required at the time of application.

Language Requirements
Applicants must be able to understand and fluently speak the language of instruction (French or English) in the program to which they are applying. Proof of linguistic proficiency may be required.

Applicants whose first language is neither French nor English must provide proof of proficiency in the language of instruction.

Note: Candidates are responsible for any fees associated with the language tests.

Notes
• The admission requirements listed above are minimum requirements and do not guarantee admission to the program.
• Admissions are governed by the general regulations (http://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/general-regulations) in effect for graduate studies and by the general regulations of the Ottawa-Carleton Institute of Environmental Engineering (OCIEE).
• Research facilities are shared between the two campuses. Students have access to the professors, courses and facilities at both universities; however, the choice of research supervisor will determine the primary campus location of the student. It will also determine which university awards the degree

Program Requirements
Candidates in the PhD program are expected to demonstrate a broad knowledge of the following areas within environmental engineering through coursework (undergraduate and graduate) already completed:

• Air pollution
• Water resources management, groundwater management and contaminant transport
• Water and waste water treatment
• Management of solid, hazardous, and radioactive waste and pollution prevention
• Environmental impact assessment

The Department may require students to take additional courses, depending on their backgrounds.

Students must meet the following requirements:

Compulsory Courses:
9 optional course units in environmental engineering (EVG) at the graduate level

Seminar:
EVG 5801 Seminar for Doctoral Candidates in Environmental Engineering 3 Units

Comprehensive Examination:
EVG 9998 Comprehensive Examination 1 0 Unit

Thesis:
THD 9999 Doctoral Thesis 2, 3 0 Unit

Note(s)
1 The comprehensive examination should be completed within the first 16 months (or the equivalent of four full-time terms) of the student’s enrollment in the PhD program.

Presentation and defense of a thesis based on original research carried out under the direct supervision of a research faculty member in the Department.

Students are responsible for ensuring they have met all of the thesis requirements (http://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/theses).

List of Optional Courses

Course selection is subject to the approval of the advisor or the advisory committee. Students may choose courses offered at either university from among those listed below.

The courses listed below are grouped by area of study. Students must complete at least one course in three of the five areas. The director will decide when a course offered under a special topics or directed studies heading can be considered to meet the requirements of a given area. Course descriptions may be found in the departmental sections of the calendars concerned.

Air Pollution

CVG 7161 Traffic Related Air Pollution 3 Units
CVG 7162 Ambient Air Quality and Pollution Modelling 3 Units
CHG 8132 Adsorption Separation Processes 3 Units
EVG 5101 Air Pollution Control 3 Units
EVG 7104 Indoor Air Quality 3 Units

Water Resources Management, Groundwater Management, and Contaminant Transport

CVG 5124 Coastal Engineering 3 Units
CVG 5125 Statistical Methods Hydrology 3 Units
CVG 5154 Random Vibration 3 Units
CVG 5160 Sediment Transport 3 Units
CVG 5162 River Hydrodynamics 3 Units
CVG 7108 Seepage and Water Flow Through Soils 3 Units
CVG 7163 Case Studies in Hydrogeology 3 Units
GEO 5143 Environmental Isotopes and Groundwater Geochemistry 3 Units
GEO 5146 Techniques of Groundwater Resources Evaluation 3 Units
GEO 5147 Geochemistry of Natural Waters 3 Units
GEO 5148 Theory of Flow and Contaminant Transport in Geological Materials 3 Units
EVG 7301 Contaminant Hydrology 3 Units
EVG 7303 Multiphase Flow in Soils 3 Units

Management of Solid, Hazardous, and Radioactive Waste and Pollution Prevention

CVG 5133 Solid Waste Disposal 3 Units
CVG 5179 Anaerobic Digestion 3 Units
CVG 5331 Sludge Utilization and Disposal 3 Units
EVG 5203 Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Management 3 Units
EVG 7201 Geo-Environmental Engineering 3 Units
EVG 7202 Contaminant Fate Mechanisms 3 Units

Water and Wastewater Treatment

CVG 5130 Wastewater Treatment Process Design 3 Units
CVG 5132 Unit Operations of Water Treatment 3 Units
CVG 5134 Chemistry for Environmental Engineering 3 Units

CVG 5137 Water and Wastewater Treatment Process Analysis 3 Units
CVG 5138 Advanced Water Treatment 3 Units
CVG 7160 Biofilm Processes in Waste-Water Treatment 3 Units
CVG 5180 Biological Nutrient Removal 3 Units
CVG 5232 Unit Operations of Water Treatment Lab 1.5 Units
CVG 5238 Advanced Water Treatment Process Lab 1.5 Units
CHG 8181 Advanced Biochemical Engineering 3 Units
CHG 8192 Membranes in Clean Processes 3 Units
CHG 8198 Membrane Gas Separation Processes 3 Units

Environmental Impact Assessment

EVG 7401 Environmental Impact Assessment of Major Projects 3 Units
CVG 5139 Environmental Assessment of Civil Engineering Projects 3 Units

Other Courses

EVG 6108 Directed Studies I 3 Units
EVG 6109 Directed Studies II 3 Units
EVG 6300 Special Topics in Environmental Engineering I 3 Units
EVG 6301 Special Topics in Environmental Engineering II 3 Units
EVG 6302 Special Topics in Environmental Engineering III 3 Units
EVG 7402 Finite Elements in Field Problems 3 Units
GNG 5121 Planning of Experiments in Engineering Design 3 Units
GNG 5122 Operational Excellence and Lean Six Sigma 3 Units

Dynamic Processes

CHG 8194 Membrane Liquid Separation Processes and Materials 3 Units
CHG 8195 Advanced Numerical Methods in Chemical and Biological Engineering 3 Units

Transport Phenomena

CHG 8196 Interfacial Phenomena in Engineering 3 Units
CVG 7140 Statistics, Probabilities and Decision-Making 3 Units
CVG 7150 Intercity Transportation, Planning and Management 3 Units
CVG 7151 Traffic Engineering 3 Units
CVG 7153 Urban Transportation and Management 3 Units

Minimum Requirements

The passing grade in all courses is B.

Students who fail 6 units, or whose research progress is deemed unsatisfactory are required to withdraw from the program.

Transfer from Master’s to PhD

Master’s students with outstanding performance in the master’s courses may request transfer into the PhD program without completing the master’s degree. Students who are permitted to do so must successfully complete a total of 24 course units (15 at the Master’s and 9 at the PhD) for a PhD.
Research

Research Fields & Facilities
Located in the heart of Canada’s capital, a few steps away from Parliament Hill, the University of Ottawa is among Canada’s top 10 research universities.

uOttawa focuses research strengths and efforts in four Strategic Areas of Development in Research (SADRs):

- Canada and the World
- Health
- e-Society
- Molecular and Environmental Sciences

With cutting-edge research, our graduate students, researchers and educators strongly influence national and international priorities.

Research at the Faculty of Engineering
Areas of research:

- Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Mechanical Engineering

For more information, refer to the list of faculty members and their research fields on Uniweb.

IMPORTANT: Candidates and students looking for professors to supervise their thesis or research project can also consult the website of the faculty or department (https://www.ottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/academic-unit-contact-information) of their program of choice. Uniweb does not list all professors authorized to supervise research projects at the University of Ottawa.

Courses

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The courses listed below are grouped by area of study. Students must complete at least one course in three of the five areas. The director will decide when a course offered under a special topics or directed studies heading can be considered to meet the requirements of a given area. Course descriptions may be found in the departmental sections of the calendars concerned. Only a selection of courses given in a particular academic year.

EVG 5001 Biofilm Processes in Wastewater Treatment (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Cours magistral / Lecture

EVG 5101 Air Pollution Control (3 units)
This course is equivalent to ENVE 5101 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

EVG 5203 Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Management (3 units)
This course is equivalent to ENVE 5203 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

EVG 5800 Seminar for Master’s Candidates in Environmental Engineering (1 crédit)
Ce cours est équivalent à ENVE 5800 à la Carleton University.
Volet : Recherche

EVG 5801 Seminar for Doctoral Candidates in Environmental Engineering (3 crédits)
Ce cours est équivalent à ENVE 7800 à la Carleton University.
Volet : Recherche

EVG 6001 Projet en génie de l’environnement / Environmental Engineering Project (6 crédits / 6 units)
Ce cours est équivalent à ENVE 5900 à la Carleton University. / This course is equivalent to ENVE 5900 at Carleton University.
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

EVG 6108 Directed Studies I (3 units)
This course is equivalent to ENVE 5906 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Research

EVG 6109 Directed Studies II (3 units)
This course is equivalent to ENVE 5907 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Research

EVG 6300 Special Topics in Environmental Engineering I (3 units)
Course Component: Lecture

EVG 6301 Special Topics in Environmental Engineering II (3 units)
This course is equivalent to ENVE 5701 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

EVG 6302 Special Topics in Environmental Engineering III (3 units)
This course is equivalent to ENVE 5702 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

EVG 6508 Études dirigées I (3 crédits)
Volet : Cours magistral

EVG 6509 Études dirigées II (3 crédits)
Volet : Cours magistral

EVG 7104 Indoor Air Quality (3 units)
This course is equivalent to ENVE 5104 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

EVG 7201 Geo-Environmental Engineering (3 units)
This course is equivalent to ENVE 5201 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

EVG 7202 Contaminant Fate Mechanisms (3 units)
This course is equivalent to ENVE 5202 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

EVG 7301 Contaminant Hydrology (3 units)
This course is equivalent to ENVE 5301 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

EVG 7303 Multiphase Flow in Soils (3 units)
This course is equivalent to ENVE 5303 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

EVG 7401 Environmental Impact Assessment of Major Projects (3 units)
This course is equivalent to ENVE 5401 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

EVG 7402 Finite Elements in Field Problems (3 units)
This course is equivalent to ENVE 5402 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

EVG 9998 Examen de synthèse / Comprehensive Examination
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research