



Bachelor of **Environment and Society**

Are you passionate about helping the environment? Study towards a Tohu Paetahi Taiao me te Pāpori—Bachelor of Environment and Society (BEnvSoc) at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

This three-year degree is your gateway to understanding and addressing the world's most pressing environmental challenges. It will prepare you to tackle complex environmental issues by combining academic insight with practical, transformative skills that bridge social and scientific perspectives.

When you study with us, you'll work across traditional boundaries exploring environmental challenges through multiple lenses and exploring key concepts such as sustainability and justice. You'll ask how Indigenous environmental knowledge can guide our approach to environmental problems. You'll apply your knowledge across a range of scales—from local questions of how we live with our environment to global issues of climate change and inequality.

You'll engage with cutting-edge research, working alongside passionate staff and potentially collaborating with environmental organisations, policymakers, and community groups on projects with real-world impact.

Through the BEnvSoc, you'll learn to think critically about the causes and effects of environmental problems, developing an understanding of how the physical processes shaping our planet intersect with the social and political factors driving environmental change. Whether you're passionate about global environmental justice or social and environmental issues, you'll gain the analytical and innovation skills to turn your passion into action.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The BEnvSoc prepares graduates for careers addressing environmental, social, and sustainability challenges across sectors such as business, consulting, education, government, non-profit organisations, and research. Depending on your major, you might pursue a role as a business sustainability consultant, community facilitator, environmental design consultant, environmental scientist, policy adviser, science communicator, scientific adviser, or social designer, or work in migrant and refugee support roles.

POSTGRADUATE STUDY

There are many postgraduate pathways available to BEnvSoc graduates, largely dependent on the major you choose. Some options include the Master of Arts, Master of Development Studies, Master of Environmental Science, Master of Environmental Studies, Master of Science, or a PhD.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

You can enrol in the BEnvSoc no matter what you studied at school.



MAJORS

You must complete the requirements for at least one of the majors below as part of the BEnvSoc. Find descriptions of each major from page 167.

- ▶ Climate Science
- ▶ Cultural Anthropology
- ▶ Design for Social Innovation
- ▶ Development Studies
- ▶ Earth Science
- ▶ Education for the Environment
- ▶ Environmental Design
- ▶ Environmental Humanities
- ▶ Environmental Science
- ▶ Environmental Studies
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ Sustainability and Ethics in Business

MINORS

You can choose to include a minor in a subject from the BEnvSoc or another undergraduate degree. There are many subjects outside the BEnvSoc to choose from, including Ecology and Biodiversity, Marine Biology, Political Science, Public Policy, Science Communication, and Science in Society.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Three years of full-time study.

A total of 360 points is required:

- ▶ at least 180 points must be for courses at 200 and 300 level
- ▶ at least 75 points must be at 300 level.

The core of the degree is made up of nine courses:

- ▶ five courses at 100 level: GEOG 112, GEOG 114, GEOS 101, MAOR 126; one of EHUM 101, GEOG 115, SARC 122, STAT 193, or QUAN 102
- ▶ two courses at 200 level: GEOG 214; one of DSDN 221, EHUM 201, GEOG 217, LAND 221, MGMT 211, or SCIS 213
- ▶ two courses at 300 level: GEOG 326, GEOG 327.



FIND OUT MORE

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MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

It is recommended that you apply for admission as soon as possible (see page 28 for details).

The requirements listed below are the requirements to complete a major; degree regulations are listed in the University's *Calendar*.

Climate Science (CLIM)

- a. Complete four courses at 100 level:
 - ▶ GEOS 101, GEOG 114, GEOG 115
 - ▶ one further course from MATH/PHYS/QUAN/STAT or ENGR 121–142.
- b. Complete three courses at 200 level: SCIS 213; two further courses from GEOS 201, GEOS 203, GEOS 205, GEOS 206.
- c. Complete three courses at 300 level from GEOS 301, GEOS 303, GEOS 305, GEOS 306, GEOS 311, SCIS 313, SCIS 317.

Cultural Anthropology (CUAN)

- a. ANTH 101 and ANTH 102.
- b. Two courses from ANTH 200–299.
- c. Two courses from ANTH 300–399.

Design for Social Innovation (SIDN)

- a. Complete two courses at 100 level: DSDN 171, DSDN 172.
- b. Complete three courses at 200 level: DSDN 242, SIDN 272; one course from DSDN 211, IXXN 251, SIDN 200–299.
- c. Complete four courses at 300 level: SIDN 321, SIDN 390; one course from DSDN 321, DSDN 331, DSDN 351; one course from IXXN 311, IXXN 341, SIDN 300–399.

Development Studies (DEVE)

- a. Complete three courses at 100 level:
 - ▶ GEOG 112
 - ▶ one approved regional-based course
 - ▶ one approved subject-based course.
- b. Complete three courses at 200 level: GEOG 212 and one approved regional-based course and one approved subject-based course.
- c. Complete three courses at 300 level: GEOG 312, GEOG 316, and one approved 300-level course.

Note: Lists of approved regional- and subject-based courses are online. GEOG 326 and GEOG 327 are strongly recommended for anyone interested in development studies research practice. At least one of these courses is within the ENSC, ENVI, ESCI, and GEOG major, so if you're taking Development Studies as a double major with one of these majors, you cannot count these courses as part of the Development Studies major.

This major requires careful planning. We recommend you look at the Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences website (wgtn.ac.nz/sgees) and talk to a student success adviser.

Earth Science (ESCI)

- a. Complete four courses at 100 level:
 - ▶ COMP 132 (or 15 points from BIOL/CHEM/COMP/ENGR/MATH/PHYS/SPCE)
 - ▶ GEOG 115 (or 15 further points from MATH, PHYS, QUAN, STAT, or ENGR 121–142)
 - ▶ GEOS 101
 - ▶ GEOS 102.
- b. Complete three courses at 200 level from: GEOS 201–205, GEOS 207–211.
- c. Complete three courses at 300 level from: GEOG 326, GEOS 301–304, GEOS 306–310.

Education for the Environment (EDEN)

- a. EDUC 101.
- b. EDUC 202 and one course from EDUC 215 or EDUC 221.
- c. EDUC 316 and two courses from EDUC 315, EDUC 321, or EDUC 323.

Note: Students are not permitted to take a double major in Education for the Environment (EDEN) and Education (EDUC).

Environmental Design (EDES)

- a. SARC 122, SARC 131.
- b. DSDN 221, DSDN 242, LAND 221, SARC 223, SARC 232.
- c. SARC 315, SARC 331, SIDN 352, SIDN 372; either SARC 388 or SIDN 321.

Environmental Humanities (EHUM)

- a. EHUM 101 and one course from MAOR 126 or PASI 101.
- b. EHUM 201 and one course from ANTH 210, ARTH 201, CLAS 206, ENGL 227, HIST 219, LCCM 273, MDIA 204, PASI 201, PHIL 264, or RELI 230.
- c. EHUM 301 and one course from ANTH 301, ARTH 305, CRIM 304, INTP 302, MUSC 351, or PASI 301.
- d. 20 further points from (b) and (c).

Environmental Science (ENSC)

- a. Complete four courses at 100 level:
 - ▶ GEOG 114
 - ▶ MAOR 126
 - ▶ one of CHEM 122, GEOS 101 or the pair BIOL 113 and BIOL 114
 - ▶ one of GEOG 115, MATH 177, QUAN 102, STAT 193.
- b. Complete three courses at 200 level: GEOG 214; SCIS 213; one of BIOL 222, GEOS 210, GEOG 222.
- c. Complete three courses at 300 level: GEOG 326, GEOG 327, GEOS 312.

Environmental Studies (ENVI)

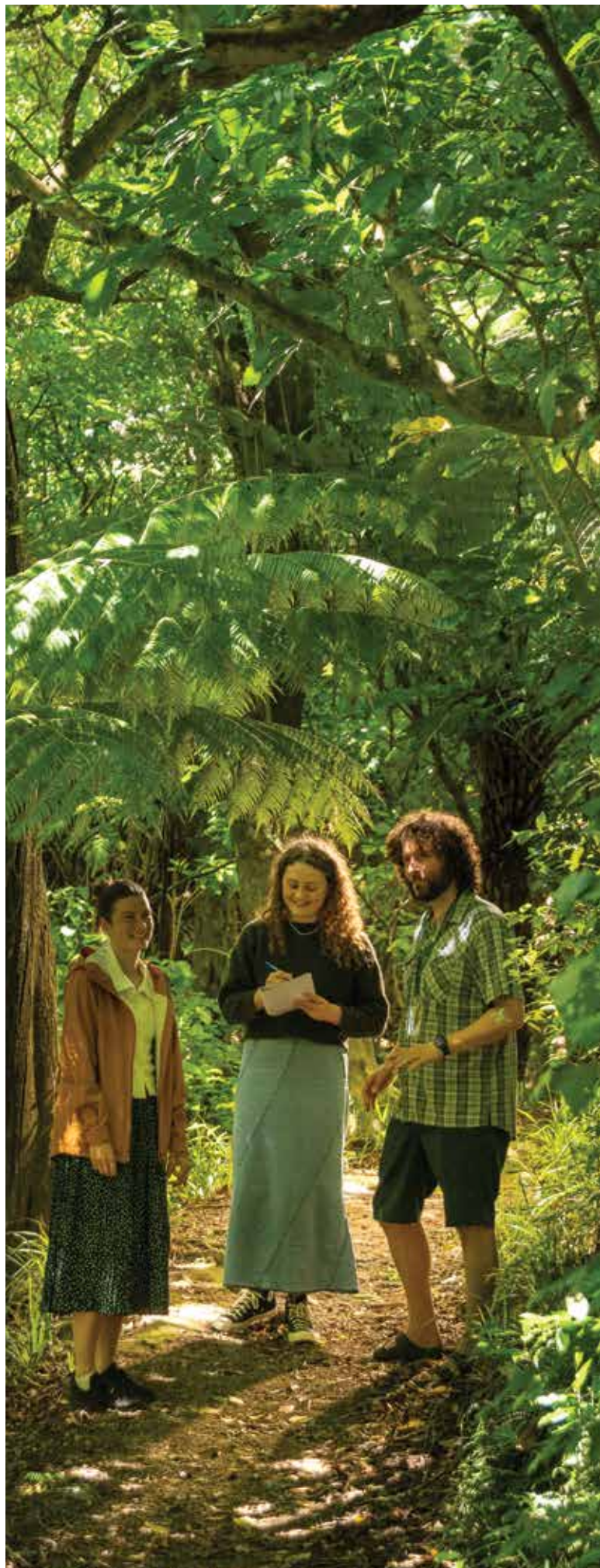
- a. Complete four courses at 100 level:
 - ▶ GEOG 112
 - ▶ GEOG 114
 - ▶ GEOG 115 (or STAT 193, QUAN 102, or equivalent)
 - ▶ one of GEOS 101, MAOR 123, POLS 111, PUBL 113.
- b. Complete three courses at 200 level: GEOG 214, MAOR 216, one further course from GEOG 200–299 or GEOS 200–299.
- c. Complete three courses at 300 level: GEOG 314; two further courses from GEOG 300–399, GEOS 300–399, MAOR 301, PUBL 307, SCIS 300–399.

Geography (GEOG)

- a. Complete four courses at 100 level:
 - ▶ GEOG 112
 - ▶ GEOG 114
 - ▶ GEOG 115 (or STAT 193, QUAN 102, or equivalent)
 - ▶ GEOS 101.
- b. Complete three courses at 200 level: GEOG 215, GEOG 217; one course from GEOG 201–299 or GEOS 201–206.
- c. Complete three courses at 300 level: GEOG 326, GEOG 327; one further course from GEOG 301–399 or GEOS 301–305.

Sustainability and Ethics in Business (SEBS)

- a. In your first year, take the BCom core courses and, depending on your preferred route through the major, consider adding ACCY 131, COML 111, ECON 130, INFO 101, MARK 101, MGMT 101, QUAN 102, QUAN 111, or TOUR 101.
- b. Complete three courses at 200 level: MGMT 210, MGMT 211, and one course from ACCY 223, ACCY 231, HRER 207, MGMT 206, and TOUR 203. (Note: ACCY 223 and ACCY 231 require ACCY 131 to be taken previously.)
- c. Complete four courses at 300 level: choose from ACCY 302, ACCY 314, ECON 340, ECON 361, INFO 312, MARK 316, MGMT 303, MGMT 312, MGMT 321, MGMT 322, PUBL 307, TOUR 307. (Note: some of these will require specific study at 100 and 200 level.)



DEGREE EXAMPLES

BEnvSoc majoring in Environmental Humanities and minoring in Environmental Studies

YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3	
1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3
GEOG 114 15 points	GEOG 112 15 points	EHUM 201+ 20 points	GEOG 214 20 points	GEOG 326 20 points	GEOG 327 20 points
GEOS 101 15 points	MAOR 126 20 points	ANTH 210 20 points	ARTH 201 20 points	EHUM 301 20 points	ARTH 305 20 points
EHUM 101 20 points	ELECTIVE 15 points	GEOG 212 20 points	ELECTIVE 15 points	ANTH 301 20 points	GEOG 314 20 points
ELECTIVE 15 points			ELECTIVE 15 points		
65 POINTS	50 POINTS	60 POINTS	70 POINTS	60 POINTS	60 POINTS
115 POINTS		130 POINTS		120 POINTS	

Note: Some courses required for the major are provided by the core courses in the degree.

Total points required: 360

Total points completed: 365

BEnvSoc majoring in Earth Science

YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3	
1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3
GEOG 114 15 points	GEOG 112 15 points	GEOS 210 20 points	GEOG 214 20 points	GEOG 326 20 points	GEOG 327 20 points
GEOS 101 15 points	GEOG 115 15 points	GEOG 204 20 points	SCIS 213 15 points	GEOS 309 20 points	GEOS 307 20 points
MAOR 126 20 points	COMP 132 15 points	ELECTIVE 20 points	GEOS 201 20 points	GEOS 302 20 points	ELECTIVE 20 points
ELECTIVE 15 points	GEOS 102 15 points				
65 POINTS	60 POINTS	60 POINTS	55 POINTS	60 POINTS	60 POINTS
125 POINTS		115 POINTS		120 POINTS	

Total points required: 360

Total points completed: 360

BEnvSoc majoring in Geography and Climate Science

YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3	
1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3
GEOG 114 15 points	GEOG 112 15 points	GEOG 217 20 points	GEOG 214 20 points	GEOG 326 20 points	GEOG 327 20 points
GEOS 101 15 points	MAOR 126 20 points	GEOS 215 20 points	GEOS 203+ 15 points	GEOS 311+ 20 points	GEOS 301 20 points
STAT 193 15 points	GEOS 115 15 points	GEOS 205+ 20 points	SCIS 213 15 points	GEOG 302 20 points	SCIS 317+ 15 points
ELECTIVE 15 points	ELECTIVE 15 points		ELECTIVE 15 points		
60 POINTS	65 POINTS	60 POINTS	65 POINTS	60 POINTS	55 POINTS
125 POINTS		125 POINTS		115 POINTS	

†Trimester dates not yet confirmed.

Total points required: 360

Total points completed: 365

KEY: CORE FIRST MAJOR SECOND MAJOR MINOR ELECTIVE



"I study because I want to be able to connect people to the native environment. I think it's important that native fauna are allowed to thrive in their natural habitats, giving people a chance to learn from and interact with our native species."

Juanita

Student, Bachelor of Architectural Studies in Landscape Architecture