

# BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES 2026

## Information for international applicants

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Study the environment and help shape the future.

Turn your passion for the environment into a meaningful career with the Bachelor of Environmental Studies. This degree combines scientific knowledge with practical skills in areas like ecology, conservation, biosecurity, GIS, and sustainability to tackle real-world environmental challenges in Aotearoa and beyond.

You will explore how natural systems work, how human actions affect the environment, and how we can monitor, manage, and restore ecosystems - this programme prepares you for work that matters.

In this degree programme, you will learn about ecosystems, conservation issues, sustainable management of land and plant life, as well as the management strategies that promote the conservation of biodiversity and address biosecurity.

As an environmental studies learner you will learn core environmental science and sustainability principles, practical field and research skills, and how to manage and protect natural resources.

### Subject Areas include:

- Biosecurity
- Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- Ecological Restoration
- Applied Field Surveying
- Flora and Fauna of Aotearoa
- Environmental Sampling and Monitoring
- Soil Science
- Sustainability 101
- Introduction to Biology
- Scientific Research Project
- Freshwater Ecology and Monitoring

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Possible job and career opportunities can include:

- Conservation Officer/Ranger
- Sustainability Advisor
- Biosecurity Advisor
- Biodiversity Consultant
- GIS Analyst
- Catchment of Community Engagement Facilitator
- Environmental Monitoring Officer

On completion of the Bachelor of Environmental Studies you may wish to further your knowledge with a relevant postgraduate qualification.

## CAREER OUTLOOK

Visit the following websites for the latest information about job opportunities in New Zealand for your chosen career path.

[careers.govt.nz](https://careers.govt.nz)

[mbie.govt.nz](https://mbie.govt.nz)

[immigration.govt.nz](https://immigration.govt.nz)

1. All fees shown in this information are in New Zealand dollars and include Goods and Services Tax (GST) at current rates. If you need to study for more than one year to complete your qualification, your fees in the second year, and subsequent years, will not be known when you first enrol.



### BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

<b>Start</b>	16 February, 20 July
<b>Length</b>	3 years full-time
<b>Level</b>	7
<b>Credits</b>	360
<b>Fees<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Standard Fees</b>
	NZ\$26,000 per year
<b>IELTS</b>	6.0 (academic) with no band lower than 5.5 or equivalent OR accepted international equivalent qualification
<b>Class times</b>	On-campus classes are scheduled between 8.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.
<b>Self-directed study</b>	You should plan to spend 6 hours per week, per course on individual study.

## SCHOLARSHIP

There is a scholarship available for this programme. This scholarship provides a small contribution to assist students realise their goal of studying in New Zealand.

All international students who accept an offer of place for this programme will receive the scholarship. Please contact us for more information: [international@eit.ac.nz](mailto:international@eit.ac.nz)



## ENTRY CRITERIA<sup>1</sup>

### ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet degree standard entry requirements or the NZ Certificate in Conservation (Operations) (Level 4).

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

PTE (Academic) score of 50 with no band score lower than 42 or IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5 (or equivalent) achieved within the last two years.

## ASSESSMENTS

Assessments include evidence portfolios, projects, reports, presentations, case studies, laboratory workbooks, tests and exams.

## TIMETABLE

Your study time will be made up of contact time (e.g. class times, tutorials, field trips, online sessions) and non-contact time (your own self-directed study time).

### CONTACT TIME

On-campus classes are usually scheduled between 8.00am-5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

### NON-CONTACT TIME

You should plan to spend 6 hours per week, per course on individual study.

**1.** To study onshore in New Zealand, students must meet current Immigration New Zealand requirements for a student visa. For more information please see the [Immigration New Zealand website](#).



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## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

NB: Courses are offered subject to sufficient enrolments being received. Courses offered may differ per semester.

In the following descriptions:

- P= Pre-requisite – courses which must be studied before.

### Level 5 Courses

COURSE NO.	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEVEL	CREDITS
ENV5.100	<b>Sustainability 101</b> Principles and models of sustainability, historic and contemporary Māori sustainability perspectives and practices and contemporary environmental issues.	5	15
ENV5.200	<b>Environmental Conservation in Aotearoa</b> Legislation, context and community.	5	15
ENV5.400	<b>Environmental Sampling</b> Knowledge and skills required for environmental sampling in order to monitor ecosystems.	5	15
ENV5.700	<b>Environmental Science</b> Interactions between humans and the environment.	5	15
ENV5.310	<b>Introduction to Biology</b> Introductory knowledge about the biology of plants and animals.	5	15
ENV5.500	<b>Flora and Fauna of Aotearoa</b> Biological and cultural knowledge.	5	15
ENV5.800	<b>Introduction to Earth System Sciences</b> How natural processes create landforms and provide resources and hazards for humans.	5	15
ENV5.900	<b>Introduction to Ecology and Biodiversity</b> Environmental responses of plants and animals, community and ecosystem ecology and conservation biology.	5	15

### Level 6 Courses

COURSE NO.	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEVEL	CREDITS
ENV6.100	<b>Freshwater Ecology And Monitoring</b> This course aims to develop students' knowledge about freshwater environments and skills in related sampling and analysis.	6	15
ENV6.200	<b>Biosecurity</b> This course aims to develop students' knowledge of global biosecurity risks, threats to the Aotearoa environment and management methods for invasive species.	6	15
ENV6.800	<b>Soil Science</b> This course gives an introduction to the nature, formation, and classification of soils, their physical, chemical, mineralogical, and biological properties, and issues of soil quality, land degradation and sustainable management.	6	15
ENV6.020	<b>Environmental Monitoring and Management</b> This course aims to develop students' applied knowledge and skills to assist with environmental management, monitoring, analysis and reporting.	6	15
ENV6.500	<b>Sustainable Futures</b> This course aims to develop students' knowledge of current trends in sustainability and topics in environmental management.	6	15
ENV6.700	<b>Principles of Ecology</b> This course covers the principles of ecology, including adaptation to the environment, intra- and inter-specific interactions, community and ecosystem dynamics, and biogeography.	6	15
ENV6.900	<b>Geographic Information Systems</b> This course aims to develop understanding in the use and application of GIS, GPS (Global Positioning Systems) and RS (Remote Sensing) for modelling and presenting spatial data and information.	6	15
ENV6.030	<b>Environmental Statistics and Research</b> This course aims to develop students' ability to design scientific research and analyse environmental data using standard statistical techniques.	6	15



## Level 7 Courses

COURSE NO.	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEVEL	CREDITS
LM6.08	<b>Towards Sustainable Business*</b> The aim of this course is to develop the knowledge, skills, and competencies to evaluate and propose sustainable business practises.	6	15
ENV7.100	<b>Ecological Restoration</b> To provide ākongā with the knowledge and skills related to ecological restoration, and to apply the principles and standards as set out by the International Society for Ecological Restoration.	7	15
ENV7.200	<b>Environmental Conservation Science</b> To prepare ākongā for professional roles in conservation, equipping them with the skills to design and implement effective conservation strategies in diverse environmental contexts.	7	15
ENV7.300	<b>GIS Analytics</b> The aim of this course is to provide ākongā with the knowledge and skills related to GIS for environmental management.	7	15
ENV7.400	<b>Scientific Research Project</b> To provide ākongā with the knowledge and skills to carry out an applied research project and effectively communicate their findings to stakeholders using a range of media.	7	30
ENV7.500	<b>Applied Field Surveying</b> The aim of this course is to provide ākongā with the knowledge and skills related to the application of taxonomy, field sampling methods and collection techniques for a range of plants, animals, and fungi.	7	15
ENV7.600	<b>Catchment Management - Mountains to Sea*</b> The aim of this course is to provide ākongā with the knowledge and skills related to catchment management in Aotearoa New Zealand.	7	15
ENV7.700	<b>Environmental Modelling*</b> Introduces ākongā to the principles and applications of environmental modelling focusing on the development, implementation, and evaluation of models used to simulate environmental systems and processes.	7	15

\* Only 2 of these courses will be offered in Semester Two.

## THE EXPERIENCE YOU NEED & THE SUPPORT TO SUCCEED

When you study at EIT you'll get the kind of experiences that will help you gain the knowledge and skills to get ahead.

You'll also be supported by lecturers and tutors who are here for you, within a learning environment where you are treated as an individual, not just a number. They'll know your name and you'll receive one-on-one attention to make sure you get the support to succeed.



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