

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES 2026

Information for international applicants

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Study the environment and turn your passion for the environment into a meaningful career.

The Graduate Diploma in Environmental Studies is a 120-credit, Level 7 programme designed to support flexible, individualised learning pathways.

Each learner's programme of study is developed in collaboration with the programme team to reflect their academic background, interests, and career goals. While a minimum of 75 credits must be at Level 7 (and include the scientific research course), the remaining credits may be selected from relevant courses at Level 5 and Level 6.

Subject Areas include:

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Biosecurity
- 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 Graduate Diploma in Environmental Studies you may wish to further your knowledge with a relevant postgraduate qualification.

CAREER OUTLOOK

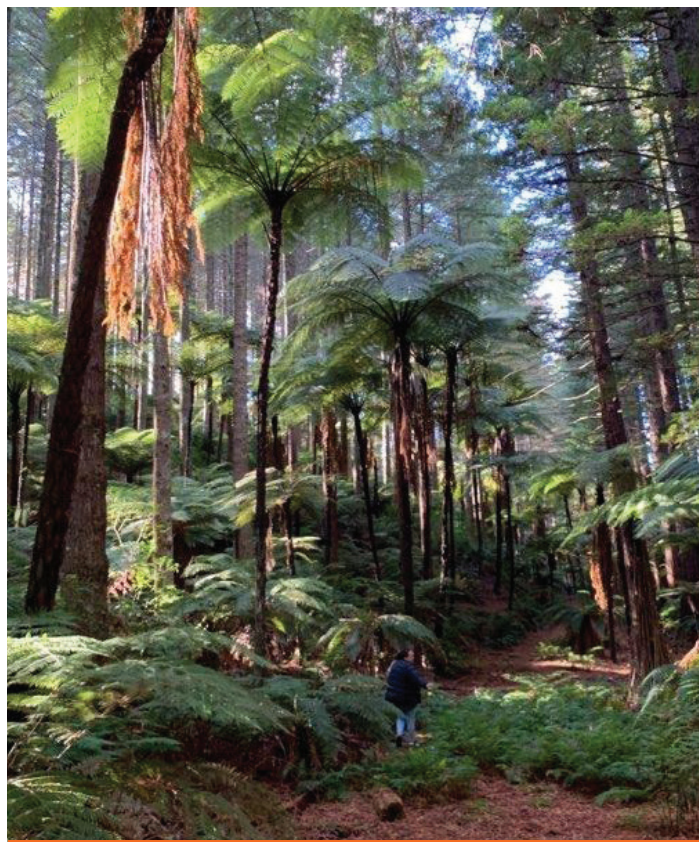
Visit the following websites for the latest information about job opportunities in New Zealand for your chosen career path.

careers.govt.nz

mbie.govt.nz

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.



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Start	16 February, 20 July
Length	1 year full-time
Level	7
Credits	120
Fees¹	Standard Fees
	NZ\$26,000 per year
IELTS	6.0 (academic) with no band lower than 5.5 or equivalent OR accepted international equivalent qualification
Class times	On-campus classes are scheduled between 8.00am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday.
Self-directed study	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



ENTRY CRITERIA¹

ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A personal interview is available as part of the application process.

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Successful completion of a three-year degree of equivalent qualification; or
- Applicants from industry who can demonstrate evidence of significant work and professional experience at degree level of above. These applicants will be required to participate in an interview prior to acceptance into the programme.

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.

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-4.00pm, Monday to Friday.

NON-CONTACT TIME

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

ASSESSMENTS

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

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.

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





COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The following is a list of courses available in the graduate diploma in Environmental Studies programme. You must achieve 75 credits at level 7, including the Scientific research course. The remaining credits can come from elsewhere within the programme, subject to pre-requisite requirements.

Each learner programme of study will be designed alongside the learner and will differ depending on the enrolment period and timetabling constraints.

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	Sustainability 101 Principles and models of sustainability, historic and contemporary Māori sustainability perspectives and practices and contemporary environmental issues.	5	15
ENV5.200	Environmental Conservation in Aotearoa Legislation, context and community.	5	15
ENV5.400	Environmental Sampling Knowledge and skills required for environmental sampling in order to monitor ecosystems.	5	15
ENV5.700	Environmental Science Interactions between humans and the environment.	5	15
ENV5.310	Introduction to Biology Introductory knowledge about the biology of plants and animals.	5	15
ENV5.500	Flora and Fauna of Aotearoa Biological and cultural knowledge.	5	15
ENV5.800	Introduction to Earth System Sciences How natural processes create landforms and provide resources and hazards for humans.	5	15
ENV5.900	Introduction to Ecology and Biodiversity 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	Freshwater Ecology And Monitoring This course aims to develop students' knowledge about freshwater environments and skills in related sampling and analysis.	6	15
ENV6.200	Biosecurity 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	Soil Science 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	Environmental Monitoring and Management This course aims to develop students' applied knowledge and skills to assist with environmental management, monitoring, analysis and reporting.	6	15
ENV6.500	Sustainable Futures This course aims to develop students' knowledge of current trends in sustainability and topics in environmental management.	6	15
ENV6.700	Principles of Ecology 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	Geographic Information Systems 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



COURSE NO.	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEVEL	CREDITS
ENV6.030	Environmental Statistics and Research 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	Towards Sustainable Business* The aim of this course is to develop the knowledge, skills, and competencies to evaluate and propose sustainable business practises.	6	15
ENV7.100	Ecological Restoration To provide ākonga 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	Environmental Conservation Science To prepare ākonga 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	GIS Analytics The aim of this course is to provide ākonga with the knowledge and skills related to GIS for environmental management. <i>Prerequisite: ENV6.900 Geographic Information Systems</i>	7	15
ENV7.400	Scientific Research Project To provide ākonga 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	Applied Field Surveying The aim of this course is to provide ākonga 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. <i>Prerequisite: ENV6.020 Environmental Monitoring and Management</i>	7	15
ENV7.600	Catchment Management - Mountains to Sea* The aim of this course is to provide ākonga with the knowledge and skills related to catchment management in Aotearoa New Zealand.	7	15
ENV7.700	Environmental Modelling* Introduces ākonga 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.



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