

From: **Okanagan College (OC)**  
Diploma in Environmental Studies,  
Environmental Management Option

To: **University of Northern BC (UNBC)**  
Bachelor of Arts (BA Degree, Major in  
Environmental & Sustainability Studies)

The following list of course equivalents will appear on the transfer credit summary for students who have successfully completed **OC's Diploma in Environmental Studies, Environmental Management Option** and pursue a **Bachelor of Arts Degree, Major in Environmental & Sustainability Studies at UNBC for the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar**.

Information in this handout is unofficial and should be used as a guide only. For questions regarding admission to UNBC or course selection please contact Student Recruitment & Advising at 250-960-6306 or [advising@unbc.ca](mailto:advising@unbc.ca).

NOTE: As per UNBC Undergraduate Calendar Regulation number 14, "Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of upper division UNBC course work to receive a UNBC degree."

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### **Environmental Management Option Required Courses:**

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#### **Year One**

ECON 115	Principles of Microeconomics
EESC 101	Environmental Science
ENGL 100	University Writing
GEOG 129	Human Geography: Resources, Development and Society
INDG 100	Introduction to Indigenous Studies

And one of:

ENGL 150	Critical Writing and Reading: Poetry and Drama
ENGL 151	Critical Writing and Reading: Short Fiction and the Novel
ENGL 153	Critical Writing and Reading: Narrative

And one of:

EESC 111	Earth and Environmental Science
GEOG 111	Introduction to Physical Geography: Climate & Vegetation
GEOG 121	Introduction to Physical Geography: Water & Landscapes

And one of:

MATH 111	Essential Mathematics for Arts
MATH 112	Calculus I
STAT 121	Elementary Statistics

And one of:

BIOL 111	Biology for Science Majors I
BIOL 112	Evolution and Ecology

And one of:

BIOL 121	Biology for Science Majors II
BIOL 122	Physiology of Multicellular Organisms

#### **Year Two**

Students will complete one of:

CMNS 235	Professional Writing & Communication
ENGL 235	Professional Writing & Communication

**Cont'd:**

And all of:

ECON 271	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
GEOG 270	Geographic Data Analysis
GEOG 272	Introduction to Cartography, GIS and Remote Sensing
GEOG 311	Environmental Management
POLI 204	Canadian Environmental Policy

And one 200 level or higher GEOG/EESC lab science course

Plus one 200 level or higher GEOG/EESC course

Students will complete one of:

INDG 202	Okanagan Concepts and Frameworks
INDG 204	Indigenous Concepts and Frameworks

And one of any 200 level or higher GEOG or EESC courses.

Or:

ANTH 245	Culture and the Environment
ANTH 260	Ethnobotany: Plants and People
BIOL 203	Introduction to Ecology
BIOL 275	Freshwater Plants and Animals
PHIL 251	Environmental Ethics
POLI 219	Canadian Public Administration

**Note:** Above based on OC 2025 website**Recommended Courses to take:****OC Course**

PHIL 251	Environmental Ethics
GSWS 222**	Eco-Feminism**
GEOG 210	Introduction to Environmental Issues

\*\* Course subject changed, was WMST 222

This 60 credit-hour program of study is available only to students from Okanagan College with a diploma in Environmental Studies (Environmental Management Option or Interdisciplinary Environmental Arts Option).

If the diploma in Environmental Studies is completed, with the course choices noted\*, the completion of the following courses through UNBC will result in the completion of the BA in Environmental and Sustainability Studies.

\*NOTE: Students must take Okanagan College's PHIL 251 Environmental Ethics, WMST\*\* 222 Ecofeminism and GEOG 210 Introduction to Environmental Issues, GEOG 311 Environmental Management and INDG 204 Indigenous Concepts and Frameworks as part of their course choices at Okanagan College, or additional UNBC courses meeting these requirements will be required.

**Degree requirements:**

Diploma in Environmental Studies from Okanagan College, minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.00, plus 36 credit hours.

Area of focus: 24–29 credit hours

Elective credit hours in any subject as necessary to ensure completion of a minimum of 60 credit hours at UNBC.

\*\* Course subject changed, now GSWS 222

## Top 10 things you should know and do for a successful, smooth transfer to UNBC:

1. **Haven't applied to UNBC and have questions?**  
Contact [futurestudents@unbc.ca](mailto:futurestudents@unbc.ca) or visit <https://unbc4u.unbc.ca>. Our UNBC Recruitment team is happy to answer questions and help you apply to your desired program.
2. **Once you have been admitted and have received your Transfer Credit Summary, touch base with your Student Advisor.**  
Your Student Advisor can help discuss how your transfer credits will be applied towards your UNBC program, any and all resources available to you and ultimately guide you through things you might not know about transferring to UNBC! Don't know who your student Advisor is? Find out here:  
<https://www2.unbc.ca/advising/contact>
3. **Read carefully through all the details of your Pathway.**  
We have included many details in this document about multiple aspects of the transfer process. Have a question? Email [transfercredit@unbc.ca](mailto:transfercredit@unbc.ca).
4. **Use the BC Transfer Guide!**  
The BC Transfer Guide ([www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca)) allows you to search how your post-secondary coursework might transfer to UNBC. In conjunction with your pathway/arrangement document, we highly recommend using the BC Transfer Guide to explore how your previous post-secondary courses might transfer to UNBC!
5. **Know what 'Academic Calendar' means.**  
When admitted to UNBC, you are following the program requirements of the Academic Calendar of your admit year. For example, if you are admitted for September 2022, you will be following the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar throughout the entirety of your undergraduate degree. Please ensure you are not simply "Googling" your program requirements, but using the appropriate Academic Calendar by visiting [www.unbc.ca/calendar](http://www.unbc.ca/calendar).  
**To learn more about your academic calendar, touch base with your Student Advisor.**
6. **Hold onto your previous institution's course outlines!**  
It's very possible that you have taken a course that needs to be reviewed. If this is the case, we may ask for course outlines in order to give you the most accurate and up-to-date information. Additionally, if you receive 'UNSP' credit as the course has never been reviewed, you can submit your course outlines to [transfercredit@unbc.ca](mailto:transfercredit@unbc.ca).
7. **Understand the terminology!**  
Not sure what 'UNSP' means? Confused by the course numbering assigned to your transfer credit (ie. 2XX)? Be sure to visit our Transfer Credit Definitions page to learn more about your transfer credit:  
<https://www2.unbc.ca/registrar/transfer-credit-definitions>
8. **Be Patient!**  
Great things take time. Similarly, it can take up to 6 weeks for courses to be articulated once you have submitted course outlines.
9. **Understand your Degree Evaluation!**  
Your Degree Evaluation is available once course registration opens/is open for your first semester at UNBC. Your degree evaluation organizes your course work for you, showing you how your transfer credit is being used and can help you track your progress to graduation.  
<https://www2.unbc.ca/advising/understanding-your-degree-evaluation>

**10. Want to find out how many courses you have remaining to complete a Bachelor degree?**

Completing a two-year diploma program does not automatically mean that you will only have 2 years remaining of a Bachelor's degree. Remaining coursework is very subjective as each transfer student might have taken different courses. This means that it is very possible that you may have to take first year courses at UNBC. For a smooth transfer into the program, we highly recommend completing any courses listed under the 'Recommended Courses to take' section of the pathway if applicable. Contact your Student Advisor for more information!

**Questions? Here's who to contact:**

Admissions – [admissions@unbc.ca](mailto:admissions@unbc.ca)

Transfer Credit – [transfercredit@unbc.ca](mailto:transfercredit@unbc.ca)

Degree Evaluation and Advising Questions:

- Find out who your Advisor is: <https://www2.unbc.ca/advising/contact>
- Then reach out and send them an email!

**We are looking forward to seeing you at UNBC!**