

Environmental Studies PhD Program

2026-2027 Intensive/Residency Schedule

Summer Semester 2026

Phases 1 and 2

- May 16 & 17 - synchronous virtual session
 - Saturday
 - 10:30 am - 1:30 pm - Orientation for Phase 1
 - 3:30 pm -6:30 pm - Intro to Research Design (phase 1)
 - Sunday
 - 10:30 am -1:30 pm - Ecological Thought (phase 1) and Learning Domain Seminar (phase 2)

- June 23 - 28 - In person residency

Day	Time	Course
Tuesday June 23rd	9 am -1 pm (with community breakfast starting at 8)	Ecological Thought (phase 1)
		Learning Domain Seminar (phase 2)
	2 - 6 pm	Intro to Research Design (phase 1)
Wednesday June 24th	8 am - 12 pm	Intro to Research Design (phase 1)
	2 - 6 pm	Ecological Thought (phase 1)
		Learning Domain Seminar (phase 2)
Thursday June 25th	8 am - 12 pm	Intro to Research Design (phase 1)
	2 - 6 pm	Ecological Thought (phase 1)
		Learning Domain Seminar (phase 2)
Friday June 26th	8 am - 12 pm	Ecological Thought (phase 1)
		Learning Domain Seminar (phase 2)
	Afternoon	Free - social events
Saturday June 27th	8 am - 12 pm	Ecological Thought (phase 1)
		Learning Domain Seminar (phase 2)
	2 - 6 pm	Intro to Research Design (phase 1)
Sunday June 28th	8 am - 12 pm	Introduction to Research Design (phase 1)

Fall Semester 2026

Phases 1, 2, and 4

- September 19 & 20 - synchronous virtual session
 - Saturday
 - 10:30 am -1:30 pm - Environmental History (phase 1)
 - 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Principles of Ecology (phase 1), Research Strategy 1 (Phase 2), Dissertation Seminar (phase 4)
 - Sunday
 - 10:30 am -1:30 pm - Environmental History (phase 1)
 - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Principles of Ecology (phase 1), Research Strategy 1 (phase 2), Dissertation Seminar (phase 4)

- October 16, 17, & 18 - in-person residency*
 - Friday
 - 1-6 pm - Environmental History (phase 1)
 - Saturday
 - 8 am-12 pm - Environmental History (phase 1)
 - 2-7 pm - Principles of Ecology (phase 1), Research Strategy 1 (phase 2)
 - Sunday
 - 8 am -12 pm - Principles of Ecology (phase 1), Research Strategy 1 (phase 2)

**Dissertation Seminar (phase 4) meets online on Saturday and Sunday from 3:30 - 6:30pm*

- November 7 & 8 - synchronous virtual session
 - Saturday
 - 10:30 am -1:30 pm - Environmental History (phase 1)
 - 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Principles of Ecology (phase 1), Research Strategy 1 (Phase 2), Dissertation Seminar (phase 4)
 - Sunday
 - 10:30 am -1:30 pm - Environmental History (phase 1)
 - 3:30 pm - 6 :30 pm - Principles of Ecology (phase 1), Research Strategy 1 (phase 2), Dissertation Seminar (phase 4)

- December 5 & 6 - synchronous virtual session
 - Saturday
 - 10:30 am -1:30 pm - Environmental History (phase 1)
 - 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Principles of Ecology (phase 1), Research Strategy 1 (Phase 2), Dissertation Seminar (phase 4)
 - Sunday
 - 10:30 am -1:30 pm - Environmental History (phase 1)
 - 3:30 pm - 6 :30 pm - Principles of Ecology (phase 1), Research Strategy 1 (phase 2), Dissertation Seminar (phase 4)

Spring Semester 2027

Phases 1, 2, 3, and 4

- January 23 & 24 - synchronous virtual session
 - Saturday
 - 10:30 am -1:30 pm - Global Environmental Change (phase 1), Research Strategy 2 (phase 2)
 - 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Political Economy and Sustainability (phase 1), Candidacy Prep and Service Learning (phase 2), Dissertation Proposal Seminar (phase 3), Dissertation Seminar (phase 4)
 - Sunday
 - 10:30 am -1:30 pm - Global Environmental Change (phase 1), Research Strategy 2 (phase 2)
 - 3:30 pm - 6 :30 pm - Political Economy and Sustainability (phase 1), Candidacy Prep and Service Learning (phase 2), Dissertation Proposal Seminar (phase 3), Dissertation Seminar (phase 4)

 - February 20 & 21 - synchronous virtual session
 - Saturday
 - 10:30 am -1:30 pm - Global Environmental Change (phase 1), Research Strategy 2 (phase 2)
 - 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Political Economy and Sustainability (phase 1), Candidacy Prep and Service Learning (phase 2), Dissertation Proposal Seminar (phase 3), Dissertation Seminar (phase 4)
 - Sunday
 - 10:30 am -1:30 pm - Global Environmental Change (phase 1), Research Strategy 2 (phase 2)
 - 3:30 pm - 6 :30 pm - Political Economy and Sustainability (phase 1), Candidacy Prep and Service Learning (phase 2), Dissertation Proposal Seminar (phase 3), Dissertation Seminar (phase 4)

 - March 19, 20, & 21 - in-person residency *
 - Friday
 - 1-6 pm - Global Environmental Change (phase 1), Research Strategy 2 (phase 2)
 - Saturday
 - 8 am-12 pm - Global Environmental Change (phase 1), Research Strategy 2 (phase 2)
 - 2-7 pm - Political Economy and Sustainability (phase 1), Candidacy Prep and Service Learning (phase 2), Dissertation Proposal Seminar (phase 3)
 - Sunday
 - 8 am -12 pm - Political Economy and Sustainability (phase 1), Candidacy Prep and Service Learning (phase 2), Dissertation Proposal Seminar (phase 3)
- *Dissertation Seminar (phase 4) meets online on Saturday and Sunday from 3:30 - 6:30pm*

- April 24 & 25 - synchronous virtual session
 - Saturday
 - 10:30 am -1:30 pm - Global Environmental Change (phase 1), Research Strategy 2 (phase 2)
 - 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Political Economy and Sustainability (phase 1), Candidacy Prep and Service Learning (phase 2), Dissertation Proposal Seminar (phase 3), Dissertation Seminar (phase 4)
 - Sunday
 - 10:30 am -1:30 pm - Global Environmental Change (phase 1), Research Strategy 2 (phase 2)
 - 3:30 pm - 6 :30 pm - Political Economy and Sustainability (phase 1), Candidacy Prep and Service Learning (phase 2), Dissertation Proposal Seminar (phase 3), Dissertation Seminar (phase 4)