

School of Environmental Studies MES Program: Part Time

In *exceptional* cases self-funded students may be admitted to the MES program on a part-time basis. This would require the strong support of a potential supervisor before admission. Admission is limited to a maximum of 2 students per year and would follow the same procedure as the full-time MES, with the student normally beginning in September (or May if the research project is already well defined and requires an earlier start).

The course and thesis requirements are identical to the full-time MES-Research or Course-based degrees but will be completed over a longer period. The part-time MES is expected to take 3-4 years (9-12 terms with 3 terms per year). The applicant will maintain part-time status over the duration of the program. The applicant will not receive Queen's Graduate Award (QGA) or Teaching Assistant (TA) support. They will pay tuition expenses independently, including, where relevant, with the support of their employer. They may apply for other scholarships or tuition support according to their eligibility.

The student must take 801 and 802 in the first year of study and, as with full-time students, would need to complete 4 courses and a thesis for the research MES or 6 courses and a research project for the course-based option. Following SGS regulations the maximum number of courses that can be taken in any term would be 2. Students must be available to attend 801 and 802 in the regularly timetabled slots. All course requirements should be completed by the end of Term 6 for Research students, or term 9 for course-based students. Students will share their ideas in a presentation (PowerPoint) during Research Day and present their work in poster form at Research Day in subsequent years.

Initial development of a research idea or topic area will be done in consultation with their supervisor(s) during Term 1 and a research proposal will be drafted by the end of Term 3 with a Supervisory Committee selected and in place by then. A full proposal will be presented to the Supervisory Committee by the end of Term 4 at the latest. The proposal will include a timeline for completion of the thesis by the end of Terms 9-12.