Welcome to Environmental Management

Environmental Management is a well-established postgraduate programme at the University of Auckland. It is offered by the School of Environment. We offer a diverse range of teaching programmes and opportunities for postgraduate study.

The School of Environment houses a vibrant community of more than 50 instructors and researchers. The mix of interests creates a rich training and research environment.

New Zealand and the South Pacific region offer an exciting environmental laboratory to examine a range of globally relevant research questions. Our location in Auckland provides a perfect gateway to access this unique natural laboratory.

Postgraduate study in Environmental Management is an excellent step toward a number of careers and is a strong foundation for postgraduate research. The School of Environment provides students with the opportunity to undertake research across a range of topics alongside many of New Zealand’s leading scientists.

We have an impressive array of field equipment and analytical facilities to support our research activities. The School of Environment has a talented group of postgraduate students from around the world who help to provide a stimulating and supportive environment for your studies.

I am confident that you will find studying Environmental Management at the University of Auckland a satisfying and rewarding experience, and we look forward to working with you to meet your academic goals.

PROFESSOR PAUL KENCH
Head
School of Environment

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Postgraduate studies and research in Environmental Management

What is Environmental Management?

Environmental Management is a set of policy, regulatory, advocacy and market-based mechanisms which transform human behaviour to achieve society’s goals for the environment. Environmental Management is offered at a postgraduate level to enable students with strong disciplinary skills to gain the understanding and critical thinking required to become environmental stewards, policy makers and managers. Consequently, our programmes emphasise the application of your existing knowledge to environmental problem solving.

The postgraduate programme in Environmental Management has witnessed considerable growth since its inception, doubtless because of its close connections with cognate programmes and readily combinable courses in Environmental Science, Geography and other teaching subjects at the University of Auckland.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Science (PGDipSci) in Environmental Management includes consideration of systems approaches, sustainable development, social and cultural drivers, economics, participatory processes, policy and governance. In addition, you may take courses from a range of associated disciplines including environmental science, geography, planning, law, biology, politics, population health and development studies.

Environmental Management qualifications pathway

We welcome students from diverse backgrounds. The entry requirement for the PGDipSci in Environmental Management is an approved BA, BCom, BE, BSc, BPlan, LLB or equivalent degree. To be considered eligible for entry to the PGDipSci in Environmental Management students must have at least C+ average in their best five courses at Stage III. The postgraduate diploma can normally be completed in one year and is made up of eight courses, as specified in the programme table.

The Master of Science (MSc) in Environmental Management is a research degree. It is normally taken as a one year (full-time) programme following a PGDipSci, with admission requiring an average grade equivalent to at least B-. Alternatively, it may be taken as a two-year (full-time) programme with a first year of taught courses, as with the PGDipSci, and then a thesis research project in the second year. In both cases students must have an approved research proposal and the support of a supervisor in order to commence the thesis year.

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) may be of interest to students looking to pursue advanced research in Environmental Management. However, as Environmental Management is not offered as a PhD subject, students usually take their PhD in either Environmental Science or Geography. See www.science.auckland.ac.nz/phd for more information.
The PGDipSci in Environmental Management emphasises the use of interdisciplinary knowledge in pursuit of sustainable development. We aim to provide students with a sound understanding of the ecological, social and economic factors which underlie environmental problems and drive environmental change, as well as the processes, tools and methods that can be applied to them.

The programme draws on a wide range of expertise from within and outside the School of Environment. A key feature of the programme is that it draws students from a variety of backgrounds. This diversity enriches the programme and provides valuable learning and networking opportunities.

As indicated in the table of programme requirements, some elements of the programme are prescribed, while others enable choices which reflect your interests. Choose your ‘electives’ carefully and seek advice where appropriate.

Note also that some electives will require special permissions.

Students can start course work in March or July and take the programme full time or part time.
**Master of Science (Environmental Management)**

The Master of Science (MSc) in Environmental Management is normally taken as one-year (full-time) programme for students who have completed a postgraduate diploma or an honours degree in the appropriate subject, or an equivalent. This is a research degree and requires the successful completion of a 120-point research thesis. It may be taken also as two-year (full-time) programme following a BSc or BA or equivalent. In this case, the first year will consist of taught courses (as in a postgraduate diploma) and the second year includes the research thesis. Both forms may be taken on a part-time basis. Admission requires an average equivalent to at least a B- in your qualifying programme, as well as the approval of a supervisor for your proposed thesis project. Students are encouraged to discuss their options with the postgraduate adviser as well as potential supervisors in the School. It is important to commence discussions about your project well in advance of commencing your study.

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**The PGDipSci (Environmental Management) programme**

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<th><strong>One core, research preparation course (15 points)</strong></th>
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<td>GEOG 701 (Semester 1) 15 points Research in Practice</td>
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<th><strong>At least four courses from the following (60 points)</strong></th>
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<td>ENVMGT 741 (Semester 1) 15 points Social Change for Sustainability</td>
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<td>ENVMGT 742 (Semester 2) 15 points Social Dimensions of Global Environmental Change</td>
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<td>ENVMGT 743 (Semester 2) 15 points Environmental Policy</td>
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<td>ENVMGT 744 (Semester 1) 15 points Resource Management</td>
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<td>ENVMGT 746 (Semester 1) 15 points Collaborative Environmental Management</td>
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<th><strong>Up to three courses from 700 level courses as approved by the programme adviser (45 points)</strong></th>
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<td>A range of courses from the following subjects have been pre-approved as appropriate choices for the PGDipSci in Environmental Management: Biological Science (BIOSCI), Development Studies (DEVELOP), Environmental Science (ENVSCI), Geography (GEOG), Environmental Law (LAWENVIR), Planning (PLANNING), Population Health (POPLHLTH) and Psychology (PSYCH). For more information, go to: <a href="http://www.env.auckland.ac.nz/pgdipsci_env_management">www.env.auckland.ac.nz/pgdipsci_env_management</a></td>
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<td>Elective courses beyond the pre-approved ones may be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the student’s background and career plan. Please contact the postgraduate adviser to discuss alternatives.</td>
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Careers in Environmental Management

The number of jobs in the environmental field is increasing through economic, social and legislative changes. Our graduates are employed by industries, environmental consultancies, non-government organisations, tertiary institutions, and regulatory authorities at local, regional and national levels, in New Zealand and overseas. For example, in recent years our graduates have been employed by the following New Zealand organisations:

- Air New Zealand
- Alliance Group
- Auckland Regional Transport Authority
- Beca Carter
- Bell Gully Barristers and Solicitors
- Cawthron Institute
- City and District councils
- Department of Conservation
- Ecomatters
- Fernz Corporation
- Landcare Research
- Meritec (Consultants)
- Metro Water
- Ministry of Fisheries
- Ministry for the Environment
- National Institute of Water and Atmosphere (NIWA)
- Pattle Delamore (Consultants)
- Red Cross
- Regional Councils
- Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society
- Royal Society of New Zealand
- Sandford Fisheries
- Scion
- SERCO Consultancy
- UNESCO
- URS (Environmental Consultants)
- WaICARE
- Watercare Health Care
- World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

Postgraduate students engaged in group work. Photo credit: JC Gaillard
Environmental Management academic staff

**Ann Bartos | Lecturer**
Feminist and youth geographies, political ecologies of food, waste and consumption, urban sustainability

**Brad Coombes | Senior Lecturer**
Resource and environmental management, indigenous participation in conservation, sustainability and environmental justice

**Karen Fisher | Senior Lecturer**
Environmental management, water governance, participatory development, development and the environment

**JC Gaillard | Associate Professor**
Disaster risk reduction (DRR), participatory tools for DRR; ethnicity, gender and DRR, armed conflicts and disasters, post-disaster resettlement, regional focus: Asia-Pacific

**Susan Owen | Senior Lecturer**
Environmental governance, climate change adaptation in small island states

**Meg Parsons | Lecturer**
Climate change adaptation, indigenous peoples and climate change, historical geography, environmental history

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Questions about Environmental Management?
Email environment@auckland.ac.nz

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