

## Important Changes to the BES Program for 2016-17

There will be some small but important changes to the program requirements for the Bachelor of Environmental Studies degree coming into effect next year (2016-17). Depending on where you are in your program, these changes may affect you a lot, a little, or not at all. **Please take a moment to have a look at the information presented below and use it as a reference as you select your courses for next year.** Should you have any questions about these changes you can contact me via email to set up an advising appointment ([jason.grekmartin@smu.ca](mailto:jason.grekmartin@smu.ca)). Even if you don't have any questions, it would be good to meet if any of these changes do apply to you so that I can make note of any relevant course substitutions on your advising form and pass those changes along to the Registrar's office.

Year	Existing BES Requirement	Problem Arising Next Year	Solution
1	BIOL 1201 & BIOL 1202	You don't have the Grade 12 Biology prerequisite for these courses	Take 6 credit hours in Science, chosen from the following: BIOL, CHEM, ENVS, GEOL, MATH, PHYS, ASTR, CSCI
2	GEOG 2100	GEOG 2100 will no longer be offered (as of 2016-17)	*Take one of the following: <b>GEOG 2313, GEOG 2315, GEOG 2343</b>
2	GEOG 2200	GEOG 2200 will no longer be offered (as of 2016-17)	Take one of the following: <b>GEOG 2312, GEOG 2341, GEOG 2349</b> (not available in 2016-17)
3	3 credit hours in Geography, chosen from: GEOG 2315, GEOG 3329, GEOG 3333, GEOG 3343	Two of these courses have been renumbered: GEOG 3333 → 2333 GEOG 3343 → 2343	*Take one of the following: <b>GEOG 2315, GEOG 2333, GEOG 2343</b> , GEOG 3329 (not available in 2016-17)
3	3 credit hours in Statistics, chosen from: BIOL 3308, GEOG 3326	The prerequisites for BIOL 3308 are difficult to fulfill, leaving GEOG 3326 as the only real option for BES students	**Take one of the following Research Methods courses: <b>GEOG 3326, GEOG 3416, MATH 1216, PSYC 2350, SOCI 2100</b>
3	6 credit hours in Environ. Thought & Communications, chosen from: GSCI 3300, MGMT 3480, PHIL 3200, IDST 4470	These courses are not always offered, or have many prerequisites, making it difficult to get these 6 credits completed	Two courses have been added to this category: <b>GEOG 2356</b> and GEOG 3329 (not available in 2016-17)

\* You cannot count the same GEOG course twice in order to satisfy both a Year 2 and a Year 3 degree requirement (Note: this is true of any B.E.S. requirement: a single course can never be counted twice).

\*\* The new B.E.S. requirements call for 3 credit hours in 'Research Methods' rather than Statistics; your expanded options thus include three statistics courses (GEOG 3326, MATH 1216, PSYC 2350) and two qualitative methods courses (GEOG 3416, SOCI 2100). Choose one course to fulfill this requirement.