Environmental and Conservation Sciences

Department Information

- **Program Director:** Craig Stockwell, Ph.D.
- **Department Location:** Biological Sciences, Stevens 119
- **Department Phone:** (701) 231-7717
- **Department Web Site:** www.ndsu.edu/ecs/
- **Application Deadline:**
  - International applications are due May 1 for fall semester and August 1 for spring semester. Domestic applicants should apply at least one month prior to the start of classes.
- **Credential Offered:** Ph.D., M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
  - TOEFL ibt 79; IELTS 6.5

Program Description

The graduate program leading to an M.S. or a Ph.D. in Environmental and Conservation Sciences (ECS) rests on an integrative curriculum and a multidisciplinary team approach. The program emphasizes the common ground shared by all sciences, and seeks to bridge methodological and philosophical boundaries that might hinder interdisciplinary communication and cooperation. The program offers three tracks: Environmental Science, Conservation Biology and Environmental Social Sciences. The Environmental Science track focuses on abiotic environmental issues, such as water, air, and land pollution. The Conservation Biology track focuses on biotic issues, such as the preservation of biodiversity and ecosystem function. The Environmental Social Sciences track emphasizes relationships between humans and the natural environment with a focus on environmental economics and policy.

The interdisciplinary nature of this program is reflected by the participation of faculty from across the campus, including the Colleges of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources; Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences; Engineering; and Science and Mathematics.

Environmental Science

Areas of Environmental Science, such as climate change, groundwater, hazardous waste, and water chemistry, require broad training across discipline lines for successful application. To better predict anthropogenic environmental impacts, the engineering, earth material, chemical, and biological data must be considered in an integrated manner.

Conservation Biology

Conservation Biology offers a new philosophy of looking at complex problems. This discipline focuses on the loss of regional and global biodiversity, but considers the human element as well in its approach to resource issues. As an example, landscape ecology, sustainable development, and conflict resolution are themes promoted by the field of Conservation Biology.

Environmental Social Sciences

Environmental Social Sciences discipline looks at interactions between humans and the environment which tend to be complex and often require interdisciplinary efforts to understand and manage. Environmental policy and economics are examples of the fields of study.

Admissions Requirements

To be admitted to the Environmental and Conservation Sciences program, the applicant must meet the Graduate School requirements. Further, applicants are only considered after an ECS affiliated faculty member has agreed to to admit the student to her/his lab and make arrangements of stipend and research funding. Thus, applicants should contact ECS faculty members who share their research interests. https://www.ndsu.edu/ecs/index.php/people/faculty
Financial Assistance

The applicant should contact a prospective mentor to identify sources of financial aid. Teaching and research assistantships may be available through funded research or participating departments. Applicants are considered on the basis of scholarship and potential to undertake advanced study and research. Contact the office of Financial Aid and Scholarships for information and applications regarding scholarships.

Program Administration

The graduate program is administered by the ECS Steering Committee. The committee is composed of ECS graduate faculty members representing the participating colleges: Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources; Engineering; and Science and Mathematics. The committee also includes a student member which is nominated annually by the ECS Graduate Student Association.

The ECS Program Director presides over ECS Steering Committee meetings. The duties of the ECS Steering Committee include:

1. review of requests to join the ECS faculty and
2. program review and administration.

By the end of the second semester, the student and academic adviser will arrange for the appointment of a Graduate Supervisory Committee. For Ph.D. study, the Graduate Supervisory Committee will consist of at least four members of the NDSU graduate faculty. The committee must include the student’s adviser, two additional ECS faculty members, and a Graduate School representative. One committee member must be from outside the student’s home college.

For M.S. study, the Graduate Supervisory Committee will consist of at least three members of the NDSU graduate faculty and will include the student’s adviser, an ECS faculty member and a faculty from outside the student’s home college. The plan of study will be prepared by the student, in consultation with the major adviser, by the end of the first year in residence.

Master of Science in Environmental and Conservation Sciences

The total credits will be not less than 30 graduate credits, with at least 16 credits of graduate courses numbered 601-689, 691; 700-789, 791 or 800-889, 891 plus the ECS graduate seminar for 1 credit, and research credits (798) not fewer than 6 nor more than 10 thesis credits. The didactic credits must include at least 1 ECS core course; 1 ECS track course and UNIV 720 Scientific Integrity. All M.S. students must complete a thesis and pass a final examination as described in The Graduate School Policies section of the Graduate Bulletin. An overall GPA of 3.0 or better must be maintained.

Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental and Conservation Sciences

Each Ph.D. student will complete at least 27 credits of didactic courses plus the ECS graduate seminar for 1 credit. The didactic courses will include: 3 core courses (9 credits), UNIV 720 Scientific Integrity, a minimum of 14-15 credits from a chosen track, and 2-3 credits of electives from another track or other NDSU courses numbered 601-689, 691; 700-789, 791 or 800-889, 891. The 15 track credits must be from at least 2 course categories. Two of the three courses must come from outside of the student’s chosen track. Of the 27 didactic course credits, a total of 15 must be at the 700-800 level. A total of 90 credits are required.

For students entering the program with a Master’s Degree or previous graduate coursework, up to 12 credits of previous graduate work can transfer and be counted toward the 27 credits. Such transferred credits must be approved by the student’s supervisory committee, the program director and the Graduate Dean. The student must earn no fewer than 60 graduate credits at NDSU. Of these, no fewer than 15 credits must be at the 700 or 800 level (700-789, 791; 800-889 and 891).

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### Preliminary Examinations for Doctoral Students

The written preliminary examination will cover the core areas for ECS and each of the core topic areas for the appropriate track. The preliminary examination will typically be taken in the middle of the third year. The written exam must be passed before the comprehensive oral examination can be scheduled.

The comprehensive oral examination will be taken no later than the end of the third year in residence. The examination will cover the topic areas for the appropriate track.

### Dissertation Research

A proposal describing research suitable for preparation of a dissertation in Environmental and Conservation Sciences will be prepared in the format of a NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant. Alternative formats must be agreed to by the Graduate Supervisory Committee. The proposal will be submitted...
to the student's Graduate Supervisory Committee for review and approval. The dissertation must show originality and demonstrate the student's capacity for independent research.

**F. Adnan Akyuz, Ph.D.**  
University of Missouri-Columbia, 1994  
Research Interests: Applied Climatology and Microclimatology/Climate Based Agriculture

**Allan C. Ashworth, Ph.D.**  
University of Birmingham, 1969  
Research Interests: Quaternary Paleoecology, Paleoclimatology

**Peter Bergholz, Ph.D.**  
Michigan State University, 2007  
Research Interests: Food Safety and Environmental Microbiology, Landscape Genomics

**Achintya Bezbaruah, Ph.D.**  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2002  
Research Interests: Nanomaterials for Pollution Control, Recalcitrant and Micro Pollutants, Contaminant Fate and Transport, Small Community Water and Wastewater Treatment, Environmental Sensors, Environmental Management

**Julia Bowsher, Ph.D.**  
Duke University, 2007  
Research Interests: Evolutionary and Developmental Biology

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University of Michigan, 1980  
Research Interests: Aquatic Invertebrate Biology, Limnology, Wetland Ecology

**Igathinathane Cannayen, Ph.D.**  
Indian Institute of Technology, 1997  
Research Interests: Biomass Harvest, Storage, Collection and Pre-Processing

**Frank X.M. Casey, Ph.D.**  
Iowa State University, 2000  
Research Interests: Field and Laboratory Studies of Water Flow and Chemical Transport Processes

**Amitava Chatterjee, Ph.D.**  
University of Wyoming, 2007  
Research Area/Activity: Soil Fertility Management, Greenhouse Gas Emissions

**Xuefeng (Michael) Chu, Ph. D.**  
University of California, Davis, 2002  

**Larry Cihacek, Ph.D.**  
Iowa State University, 1979  
Research Interests: Carbon Sequestration in Soils, Soil Physical Properties, Soil Management for Waste Disposal

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Iowa State University, 1975  
Research Interests: Ecology and Biogeography, Environmental Analysis and Planning, Structure Function Relations in the Midwestern Ecosystems

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University of Tennessee, 1996  

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University of Rochester, 1995  
Research Interests: Ethics of Science

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Iowa State University, 2013  
Research Interests: Soil Physics, Transport in Soils, Soil Residue and Water Management, Crop Rotations, and Nutrient/Agrochemical/Industrial Byproduct Soil Amendment Impacts on Soil Physical Properties
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University of Minnesota, 2012
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North Dakota State University, 2000
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University of Mainz, 1996
Research Interests: Data Mining, Bioinformatics, Scientific Informatics, Educational Technology, Model Building, Databases

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Kansas State University, 2004
Research Interest: Trace Gas Fluxes, Inorganic Soil Chemistry, Soil Environmental Conditions

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Research Interests: Ecological and Evolutionary Causes and Consequences of Phenotypic Variation

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University of Michigan, 2006
Research Interests: Ecological and Evolutionary of Bacterial Virulence

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Michigan State University, 2001
Research Interests: Microbial and Soil Process Regulating Nutrient Cycling, Soil Health and Global Climate Change, Soil Health Indicators

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University of Tennessee, 2007
Research Interests: Behavioral ecology of bats, ecological and evolutionary basis of behavior in all animal groups, behavioral, ecological, and evolutionary factors influence the structure of animal communication signals and wildlife ecology and conservation.

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South Dakota State University, 1985
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Arizona State University-Tempe, 2004
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Indiana University, 2009
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Cornell University, 1975

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University of Minnesota, 2003
Research Interests: Environmental change; ecosystem services; population and community ecology

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Michigan State University, 1986
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Iowa State University, 1993  
Research Interests: High-Value Crop Production

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University of Minnesota, 1995  
Research Interests: Economic Analysis of Emerging Environmental and Resource Issues in the Northern Great Plains

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Indiana University, 2007  
Research Interests: Physiological Ecology, Senescence, Stress Physiology

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Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 2001  
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North Dakota State University, 1997  
Research Interests: Soil Formation and Chemistry

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Oklahoma State University, 1977  
Research Interests: History of Agriculture, History of Great Plains

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University College, 2004  
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Tulane University, 2003  
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University of Arizona, 2004  
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University of Arizona, 1991  
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University of California Los Angeles, 1997  
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Oklahoma State University, 2001  
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SUNY at Buffalo, 1992  
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Research Interests: Surface and Subsurface Hydrology and Modeling, Soil and Water Resources Management, Environmental Systems Analysis, Risk Identifications and Assessment, Geostatistics and Spatial Statistics

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Hunan University, 2001  
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University of Nebraska, 1997
Research Interests: Rhetorical and Critical Theory, Environmental Communication

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Virginia Tech., 2001
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Louisiana State University, 1988
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University of Minnesota, 1991
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Research Interests: Quaternary Paleoeocology, Analysis of Fossil Insects

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University of Nevada, 1995
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Queen’s University, 2006
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University of California, 1998
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Michigan State University, 1994
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Oxford University, 1997
Research Interests: Lattice Boltzmann, Spinodal Decomposition, Viscoelasticity, Drop Deformation and Break-up in a Shear Flow, Wetting, Non-equilibrium Thermodynamics, Complex systems

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Rice University, 1989
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