

**Final Assessment Report**  
Submitted by SUPR-G to SCAPA

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Collaborative Program in Environment and Sustainability</b>	
Degrees Offered:	MA, MSc, MEd, PhD	
Approved Fields:		
External Consultants:	None (desk audit)	
Internal Reviewers:	Dr Erika Chamberlain, Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Law	
Date of Site Visit:	24 April 2015	
Evaluation:	<i>Good Quality</i>	
Approved by:	<i>SUPR-G on October 19, 2015</i> <i>SCAPA on November 4, 2015</i>	

**Executive Summary**

This is a well-structured program that provides an enriching experience for students from a variety of disciplines. Students are continuously enrolled in an Interdisciplinary Research Seminar, in which they gain multiple perspectives on Environment and Sustainability. They also organize the annual Earth Day Colloquium, which allows them to interact with both academics and members of the community. The students speak highly of the program and its support staff, and the current Director is committed and enthusiastic about the program. With more dedicated resources and more robust recruitment, the Collaborative Program could become a destination program for well-qualified graduate students hoping to work in environment and sustainability.

**Significant Strengths of Program:**

- Students value the variety of perspectives they gain from the Interdisciplinary Research Seminar, themed panel discussions, and interdisciplinary advisors.
- Students gain professional autonomy through organization of the Earth Day Colloquium.
- Support staff provide an excellent level of service, in terms of both academic matters and career guidance.
- The Program Director is committed to continuous improvement of the program and the student experience.

**Suggestions for improvement & Enhancement:**

- A more robust recruitment strategy, including earlier notice of the program, could help to attract students from a broader variety of disciplines.
- The role of the Environment and Sustainability advisors should be clarified so that students gain maximum benefit from their interdisciplinary expertise.
- Greater support from the participating programs and Faculties would allow for more enriching experiences, such as field trips.

<b>Recommendations required for Program sustainability:</b>	Responsibility	Resources	Timeline
Develop a more robust recruitment strategy	Program Director	Minimal	2015-16
Review process of approving elective courses and enrolling students	Program	None	Reforms in progress
Clarify the role and expectations of E&S Advisors	Program Director	None	2015-16
Consider ways to support field study by program participants	CES and participating Faculties	Financial	Next 2 years