

# REES

## Resource Economics & Environmental Sociology

### Doctor of Philosophy Degree (PhD)

#### Overview

The Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology offers a four year research-based PhD program, with three possible areas of specialization:

- Agricultural and Resource Economics
- Rural & Environmental Sociology
- Forest Economics

#### Admission Requirements

1. A thesis-based master's degree in a relevant field that demonstrates superior performance with a GPA of 3.3 (B+) or higher
2. Satisfaction of the English Language Requirement
3. General test scores (verbal, quantitative, analytical, and writing portions) for a Graduate Record Exam written within the last five years
4. Appropriate academic background in the master's degree:  
Master's level course requirements vary for each specialization, and are available on our website at [www.rees.ualberta.ca/Graduate/HowtoApply/AdmissionPrerequisites](http://www.rees.ualberta.ca/Graduate/HowtoApply/AdmissionPrerequisites)

#### Degree Completion Requirements

1. Completing the required number of courses for the program (varies by specialization), and maintaining the required grade point average
2. Successfully completing the Ethics, Professionalism, and Academic Integrity Program
3. Successfully completing preliminary examinations and specialization examination (if applicable)
4. Successfully completing the oral candidacy examination
5. Completing and successfully defending a thesis based on original research, in accordance with department and FGSR requirements
6. Meeting all departmental and FGSR requirements



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## Specializations

### Agricultural and Resource Economics

Agricultural economics is an applied field that typically explores issues related to agriculture, food production and consumption. Resource economics seeks to understand the supply and demand of natural resources, their role in the economy, and how to manage them for long term sustainability. These fields also make significant contributions to environmental issues. Research in REES has focused on resource, environment, and development economics; agriculture and food markets/policy; production economics and development; agricultural business; international agriculture; international development and trade.

### Rural & Environmental Sociology

Rural sociology examines social structure and social change in rural areas, as well as issues such as food and agriculture, forestry, mining and energy development. Researchers in REES examine wide-ranging, interdisciplinary and international issues such as international development, globalization, food security, climate change, gender, and indigenous community development. Environmental sociology examines societal-environmental interactions, often focusing on environmental problems, environmental risk, environmental values, consumption, waste, and consumer behaviour.

### Forest Economics

Forest Economics focuses on public policy and regulatory issues in the forestry sector. It explores the roles of institutions and property rights in regulating the timber supply, and the provision, production, and trading of forest resources and products. Researchers in REES study forest policy and economics.

**NOTE:** This brochure provides a simplified overview of program requirements. For comprehensive policies and procedures, see the REES graduate student handbook at: [www.rees.ualberta.ca/Graduate/GraduateHandbook](http://www.rees.ualberta.ca/Graduate/GraduateHandbook)

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