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Preparing for jobs and studies focused on the environment. Only at Vanier College Environmental and Wildlife Management and Green Studies

Stéphane Dion won the Liberal Leadership Race based on his commitment to the environment. Stephen Harper's popularity waxes and wanes depending on his environment policies. The environment now outranks healthcare as the number one concern of Canadians. And it's also a growing economic sector with new job opportunities that Vanier College is preparing students for. Vanier is the only English Cégep offering an **Environmental and Wildlife Management** program and a new Major in **Green Studies** for students who want to work in areas related to the environment.

Environmental and Wildlife Management is a rigorous three-year program training students as technologists specializing in environmental monitoring and the management of renewable natural resources. Training emphasizes a hands-on approach to field and laboratory skills.

One of the exciting new technologies incorporated into the program is GIS or Geographic Information Systems. GIS is a digitally based technology for capturing, managing, analyzing, and displaying all forms of geographically relevant information.

In addition to theory and science courses, students also participate in a six-month internship with an environment-related company or government body. Such internships often lead directly to a job after graduation. As well, students spend their third year living and studying at the permanent Vanier Field Station near Lachute, QC. There they get practical training in resource management and environmental studies.

Graduates go on to university in environmental studies or directly to work in a variety of environment jobs across Canada and around the world. "One of our graduates is working with lions in South Africa," says Quentin van Ginhoven, Coordinator of the Vanier program. "Others are working in France, Germany, Argentina, New-Zealand, and the United States."



For students interested in the environment but not scientifically inclined, Vanier is unique in offering a new Major in **Green Studies** designed for students who want to pursue university studies focussed on environment issues. In **Green Studies** students acquire knowledge and learn to think critically about environmental issues. They develop an understanding and appreciation of the principal environmental challenges of our day; the political, geographical and socio-economic forces that underlie global and national disparities of wealth and resources; the intergenerational consequences of societal and individual life-style choices and the development of alternative and innovative strategies by the public and private sector.

Practice or Policy – Vanier offers students the opportunity to prepare for a future working to protect and preserve the environment.

Vanier Information Evening takes place on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. in the Student Mall on the ground level of the F Building. This is a great opportunity for students and parents to have their questions answered on the new environment programs before the March 1st Cégep application deadline. There will be faculty representation from all programs, as well as Admissions Officers, Student Resource Staff and Academic Advisors to answer questions.

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