

Will Kwan

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SKILLS

- GIS: feature class editing/digitizing, attribute QA/QC, topology rules/domains, geodatabases, spatial joins, georeferencing, map production
- Data/QA: cleaning/validation, transformation, documentation/metadata, statistical testing, error and uncertainty analysis.
- Programming: scripting, SQL querying/joins, relational database design
- Remote Sensing: raster preprocessing/interpretation, supervised classification
- Applied Research: field sampling, data collection protocols

TOOLS: ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Online, Python, SQL, R, Excel

PROJECTS

Analyzing Kelowna's Walkability

- Built a City of Kelowna Walkability Index (0-100) in Python (pandas) and ArcGIS Pro using five literature-based indicators (proximity, density, diversity, connectedness, and attractiveness) across 1,569 geocoded and QA/QC'd amenities; integrated multiple open datasets and standardized spatial layers
- Engineered statistical and distance-based metrics and indicator rasters; aggregated normalized indicators to generate a final score raster, maps, Dissemination Area rankings, and a report highlighting analytical insights and methodological limitations

EDUCATION

University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus, Kelowna, BC

Expected Graduation June 2026

Bachelor of Science – Major in Earth and Environmental Science, Minor in Computer Science

Awards: Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship (2021–2024); UBCO Dean’s List & Dean’s Scholar (2021–2025); Kelowna Geology Committee Prize (2023)

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Aquatic Biogeochemistry Lab,

University of Lethbridge, Research Assistant, Lethbridge, AB

May 2022 – Aug 2022

- Conducted field sampling of water quality and environmental parameters in wetlands, lakes, and rivers across southern Alberta
- Designed, constructed, and deployed ebullitive gas sampling traps
- Conducted advanced analytical measurements using spectrophotometry and fluorometry
- Processed and organized large datasets using Microsoft Excel and R, including the use of ‘StarDOM’ software in R for final dataset production

Arc'teryx, Product Guide, Kelowna, BC

May 2024 – Sep 2024

- Customer-facing role emphasizing problem solving, clear communication, in a high-volume retail environment

Big Fat Lion Bakeshop, Baker, Kelowna, BC

Mar 2023 – Sep 2023; May 2025 to Sep 2025

- Managed production workflows and schedules in a high-volume food production environment