PROGRAMS OF STUDY

CORE REQUIREMENTS (ALL MAJORS)
CHEM 001ABC: General Chemistry with Labs
ENSC 001: Introduction to Environmental Science: Natural Resources
ENSC 002: Introduction to Environmental Science: Environmental Quality
ENSC 100: Introduction to Soil Science
ENSC 101: Water Resources
ENSC 102: Introductory Atmospheric Science
ENSC 191: Seminar in Professional Development in Environmental Sciences
POSC 010: American Politics
MATH 009A
MATH 009B

SAMPLE PROGRAMS OF STUDY BEYOND THE CORE REQUIREMENTS

The Natural Science Option
As a general curriculum emphasizing the natural sciences, this option is suitable for students wishing to maintain a broad range of choices in technically oriented environmental professions such as air and water pollution control, hazardous materials management, public health, natural resource management, and environmental impact analysis.

The Toxicology Option
As a curriculum that emphasizes the chemistry and biochemistry of toxic substances in the environment, this option prepares students for careers dealing with the control of toxics in the environmental media of air, water, soil, and ecosystems and in such related fields as public health and industrial hygiene.

ADVISING
Current course requirements are available online in the UCR General Catalog at catalog.ucr.edu. For help in selecting courses, and for information about policies and procedures, contact a Professional Academic Advisor:

CNAS Undergraduate Academic Advising Center
1223 Pierce Hall
Phone: (951) 827-7294

For advice about careers, graduate programs, and letters of recommendation, contact:
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More information is also available on the department website: envisci.ucr.edu
CAREER PATHS

The importance of preserving and restoring environmental quality is rapidly gaining ground throughout the world. This presents many and varied job opportunities for students graduating with degrees in Environmental Sciences. Graduates are employed in a variety of sectors, including government work for state air and water agencies and private work for environmental engineering consulting firms. Many students obtain graduate degrees, both in Environmental Sciences and in a variety of other disciplines, such as law, political science, pharmacy, and public health.

RESEARCH AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Environmental Sciences offers opportunities to work with faculty for academic credit through ENSC 197: Research for Undergraduates; with faculty and outside organizations in ENSC 198-I: Internship in Environmental Sciences; and in paid positions as student assistants. Interested students are also encouraged to participate in the UCDC program that provides academic credit for internships in Washington, D.C.

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