ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY AND TECHNOLOGY, PH.D.

The program has been organized to offer advanced instruction and research training in environmental chemistry and environmental technology leading to the doctor of philosophy. A doctoral minor in environmental chemistry and technology is also offered. The program trains candidates for careers in teaching, research, resource management, environmental consulting, and private sector/industrial positions. Areas of work include the development of advanced technologies and materials for air and water purification and for the saving and storage of energies, alternative energy technologies, water and air pollution control, soil and sediment remediation, environmental technology, chemical limnology, and groundwater chemistry.

The Ph.D. degree is designed for students who have a strong background in chemistry and who desire graduate training in applying chemistry to environmental systems. Individual programs are tailored to meet the candidate's interests through selection of a specialization and elective courses. Areas of specialization include aquatic chemistry, air pollution chemistry, terrestrial chemistry, and chemical- and bio-technology development.

The Environmental Chemistry and Technology Program faculty is composed of an interdepartmental committee. Several committee members who have appointments in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering are located in the Water Science and Engineering Laboratory. Other members are located in their respective departments.

The environmental chemistry and technology area occupies over 10,000 square feet of office and laboratory space in the Water Science and Engineering Laboratory. Facilities include offices, conference room, classrooms, computer facilities, and over 8,000 square feet devoted to research. The research areas, including trace element and mercury clean laboratories, are designed for research in aquatic chemistry, air pollution chemistry, and environmental technology. Shop facilities (electronics/mechanical) allow fabrication of specialized equipment tailored to the particular field and laboratory research needs. Other specialized facilities include areas for investigations of air pollution chemistry, ceramic membrane technologies, hazardous material remediation, and development of energy storage devices.

In addition to the Water Science and Engineering Laboratory, students also have access to numerous facilities on the UW-Madison campus, including laboratories in the Departments of Soil Science, Chemical and Biological Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, Chemistry, Geoscience, Civil and Environmental Engineering, the Center for Limnology, and the State Laboratory of Hygiene.

ACTIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

ADMISSIONS

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s). Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/).

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1. All applicants must use the UW-Madison Graduate School online application system.
2. Three letters of recommendation
4. Please send TOEFL/IELTS scores electronically to UW-Madison, institution code 1846.
5. All items should be submitted through the online application. Please do not mail or e-mail materials directly to our program at the time of application. If you are admitted to our program, we will request an official copy of your transcript at that time.

FUNDING

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.
Students accepted into the program can expect to be fully funded through fellowships, teaching assistantships, or research assistantships on research projects. Admission decisions are based on the student’s qualifications and research interests, the availability of funding, and the focus of funded research projects. Funding includes a waiver of tuition (excluding segregated fees), health benefits (including family coverage), and a yearly stipend.

**REQUIREMENTS**

**MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS**

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

**MODE OF INSTRUCTION**

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

*Accelerated:* Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

*Evening/Weekend:* Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

*Face-to-Face:* Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

*Hybrid:* These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

*Online:* These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

**CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS**

**Core Courses**

- **Environmental Inorganic Chemistry**
  - CIV ENGR 703
  - or GEOSCI 875
  - Title: Advanced Topics in Geology
  - Credits: 1-3

- **Environmental Organic Chemistry**
  - CIV ENGR/ M&ENVTOX/ SOIL SCI 631
  - or CIV ENGR 704
  - Title: Toxicants in the Environment: Sources, Distribution, Fate, & Effects
  - Credits: 3

- **Air Chemistry**
  - CIV ENGR/ ATM OCN 701
  - or CHEM 629
  - Title: The Chemistry of Air Pollution
  - Title: Atmospheric Chemical Mechanisms
  - Credits: 2-3

**Additional Coursework**

- CIV ENGR 909
  - Title: Graduate Seminar - Environmental Chemistry & Technology
  - Credits: 1

- or CIV ENGR/ ATM OCN/ BOTANY/ ENVIR ST/ GEOSCI/ ZOOLOGY 911
  - Title: Limnology and Marine Science Seminar

Overall 3.00 GPA required.
Graduate GPA Requirement This program follows the Graduate School’s GPA Requirement policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/)).
Other Grade Requirements Students must earn a B or above in all courses counting toward degree requirements.
Assessments and Examinations Doctoral students are required to take a comprehensive preliminary exam by the end of their fifth semester of study in the Ph.D. program. A final oral exam of the doctoral dissertation is required. Deposit of the doctoral dissertation in the Graduate School is required.
Language Requirements No language requirements.
Graduate School Breadth Requirement Doctoral students must complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Students will discuss minor and certificate options with the faculty advisor.

Students are required to develop a plan of courses with their advisor.

All incoming EC&T students should have basic preparation in the fundamental areas of general, organic, physical and analytical chemistry. Students should also have previous coursework in the natural sciences, which can include botany, bacteriology, zoology, earth science, material science, biochemistry or engineering. Note that CIV ENGR 500 Water Chemistry or equivalent advanced course in Environmental Chemistry, is a prerequisite for many of the core EC&T courses. If these requirements have not been met prior to entering the program, this should be considered when planning the coursework.
Students must enroll in CIV ENGR 909 Graduate Seminar - Environmental Chemistry & Technology or CIV ENGR/ATM OCN/BOTANY/ENVIR ST/GEOSCI/ZOOLOGY 911 Limnology and Marine Science Seminar each semester. Ph.D. students should present a seminar once per academic year, either fall or spring semester.

Graduate-Level Chemistry Requirement
Students must take two chemistry courses numbered 500 or above. A partial list of potential courses is included below. Other courses may be substituted for this requirement with approval of the student’s academic advisor and the approval of the EC&T Academic Planning Committee.

### Course options

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<td>Introduction to Mass Spectrometry</td>
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<td>CHEM 777</td>
<td>Physical Chemistry of Surfaces</td>
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<td>CIV ENGR 501</td>
<td>Water Analysis-Intermediate</td>
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<td>CIV ENGR 609</td>
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These resources may be helpful in addressing your concerns:

- Bias or Hate Reporting (https://doso.students.wisc.edu/bias-or-hate-reporting/)
- Graduate Assistantship Policies and Procedures (https://hr.wisc.edu/policies/gapp/#grievance-procedure)
- Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Policies and Procedures (https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/)
- Office of the Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs (https://facstaffprovost.wisc.edu/)
The first attempt is to help students informally address the grievance. The Grievance Advisor will assist the student in speaking with an appropriate person to discuss the grievance. Should a satisfactory resolution not be achieved, the student should contact the program’s Grievance Advisor or Director of Graduate Study (see contact box) to discuss the grievance.

If the student prefers to talk with someone outside of the CEE department, contact the CoE Assistant Dean for Graduate Affairs.

The Assistant Dean for Graduate Affairs (engr-dean-graduateaffairs@wisc.edu) provides overall leadership for graduate education in the College of Engineering (CoE), and is a point of contact for graduate students who have concerns about education, mentoring, research, or other difficulties. The first attempt is to help students informally address the grievance prior to any formal complaint. Students are also encouraged to talk with their faculty advisors regarding concerns or difficulties if necessary.

University resources for sexual harassment, discrimination, and other related concerns can be found on the UW Office of Compliance website (https://compliance.wisc.edu/).

EC&T Grievance Procedures
If a student feels unfairly treated or aggrieved by faculty, staff, or another student, the University offers several avenues to resolve the grievance. Students’ concerns about unfair treatment are best handled directly with the person responsible for the objectionable action. If the student is uncomfortable making direct contact with the individual(s) involved, they should contact the advisor or the person in charge of the unit where the action occurred (program or department chair, section chair, lab manager, etc.). Many departments and schools/colleges have established specific procedures for handling such situations; check their web pages and published handbooks for information. If such procedures exist at the local level, these should be investigated first. For more information see the Graduate School’s Academic Policies and Procedures (https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/grievances-and-appeals/).

1. The student is encouraged to speak first with the person toward whom the grievance is directed to see if a situation can be resolved at this level.

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4. If the issue is not resolved to the student’s satisfaction the student can submit the grievance to the Grievance Advisor in writing, within 60 calendar days of the alleged unfair treatment.

5. On receipt of a written complaint, a faculty committee will be convened by the Grievance Advisor to manage the grievance. The program faculty committee will obtain a written response from the person toward whom the complaint is directed. This response will be shared with the person filing the grievance.

6. The faculty committee will determine a decision regarding the grievance. The Grievance Advisor will report on the action taken by the committee in writing to both the student and the party toward whom the complaint was directed within 15 working days from the date the complaint was received.

7. At this point, if either party (the student or the person toward whom the grievance is directed) is unsatisfied with the decision of the faculty committee, the party may file a written appeal. Either party has 10 working days to file a written appeal to the School/College.

8. Documentation of the grievance will be stored for at least 7 years. Significant grievances that set a precedent will be stored indefinitely.

The Graduate School has procedures for students wishing to appeal a grievance decision made at the school/college level. These policies are described in the Graduate School’s Academic Policies and Procedures (https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/grievances-and-appeals/).

OTHER
Admitted students will be contacted directly by faculty regarding funding opportunities.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES
Take advantage of the Graduate School’s professional development resources (https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
1. Articulate research problems, potentials, and limits with respect to theory, knowledge, or practice within the field of environmental chemistry and technology.

2. Formulate ideas, concepts, and/or techniques beyond the current boundaries of knowledge in environmental chemistry and technology.

3. Create research or scholarship that makes a substantive contribution.

4. Demonstrate breadth within their learning experiences.

5. Advance contributions to the field of environmental chemistry.

6. Communicate complex ideas in a clear and understandable manner.

7. Fosters ethical and professional conduct.

PEOPLE

Civil and Environmental Engineering Faculty: Professors Likos (chair), Ahn, Hanna, Harrington, Hurley, Loheide, McMahon, Noguera, Noyce, Park, Parra-Montesinos, Ran, Russell, Schauer, Wu; Associate Professors Block, Fratta, Ginder-Vogel, Hicks, Li, Pincheira, Prabhakar, Remucal,
Sone, Tinjum, Wright; Assistant Professors Blum, Chen, Hampton, Pujara, Qin, Wang, Wei, Zhu; M.Eng Program Director Carlson. See also CEE faculty (http://directory.engr.wisc.edu/cee/faculty/).

**Geological Engineering Faculty:** Professors Tinjum (Director) (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Feigl (Geoscience), Goodwin (Geoscience), Hard (Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey), Likos (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Loheide (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Tikoff (Geoscience), Wu (Civil and Environmental Engineering); Associate Professors Cardiff (Geoscience), Ferrier (Geoscience), Fratta (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Ginder-Vogel (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Hicks (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Sone (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Zoet (Geoscience); Assistant Professors Hampton (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Golos (Geoscience), Zahasky (Geoscience). See also GLE faculty (https://engineering.wisc.edu/departments/civil-environmental-engineering/research/geological-engineering/).

**Environmental Chemistry and Technology:** Professors Hurley (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Bertram (Chemistry), Bleam (Soil Science), Harrington (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Karthikeyan (Biological Systems Engineering), McMahon (Civil and Environmental Engineering/Bacteriology), Roden (Geoscience), Root (Chemical and Biological Engineering), Schauer (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Thompson (Biological Systems Engineering); Associate Professors Ginder-Vogel (director; Civil and Environmental Engineering), Remucal (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Whitman (Soil Science); Assistant Professors Anantharaman (Bacteriology), Majumder (Bacteriology), Qin (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Wei (Civil and Environmental Engineering). See also ECT Faculty (https://engineering.wisc.edu/departments/civil-environmental-engineering/research/environmental-chemistry-technology/).