



Why Study Water Sciences?

Water is a growing career field for those who care about the environment. Employers want to hire people with hands-on experiences who are interested in solving challenges related to climate change, increasing populations, sustainable agricultural and fishing practices, and other issues that affect valuable water resources.

You can pursue many paths with a water-related degree:

- Work to ensure safe drinking water
- Monitor contaminants that affect waterways and beaches
- Create safer and more efficient water infrastructure
- Manage invasive species to protect ecosystems
- Advocate for better water policies
- Restore and conserve habitats
- Educate the community about water issues
- Go to graduate school to further your expertise

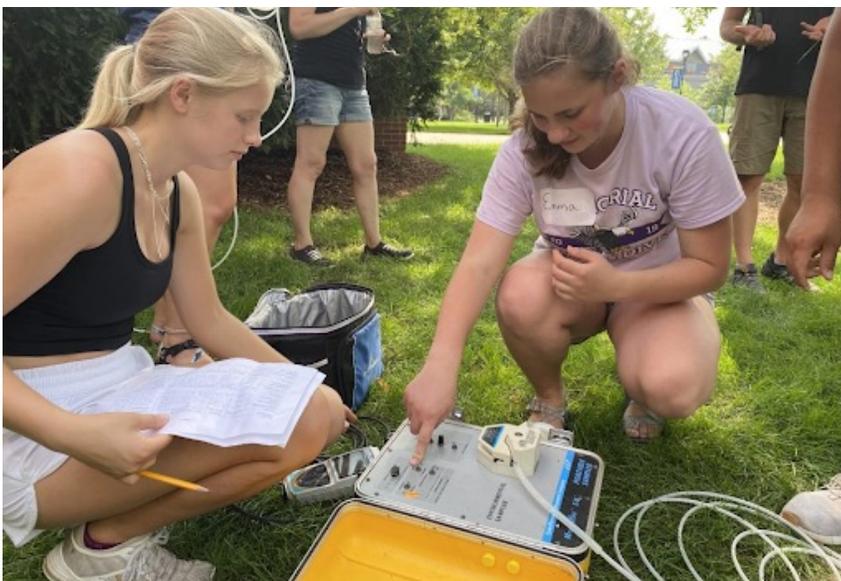
Your Path to a Water-Related Career

Each of Wisconsin's 13 public universities offers a degree program or coursework in water studies — and every school is part of the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin. This allows students to enroll at one UW university for a degree and to expand their water knowledge by participating in hands-on experiences and unique coursework at other UW System schools.

Through the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin, students will have opportunities to:

- Participate in field experiences on the Mississippi River, Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and the many rivers, streams and wetland areas throughout the state, in rural and urban settings
- Acquire lab and technical skills while working with expert faculty throughout the UW System
- Collaborate with students from other campuses
- Educate community members about water through outreach projects
- Land an internship that builds professional connections and could lead to a fulfilling job in the water field

Learn more about the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin and programs offered at each UW institution at freshwater.wisconsin.edu.



“Water is such an important resource that we are always going to need to maintain. There’s always going to be jobs in that area. I had a lot of new opportunities that I wouldn’t have been able to have experienced without taking this course.”

— Emma Johnson (right), participant in a 2021 high school summer program hosted at UW-Eau Claire, UW Oshkosh, UW-River Falls & UW-Stout