

Bridgeport Aquaculture College Alliance (BACA)





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What Is BACA?

- A Student-Centered Course Which Offers Students the Opportunity to Conduct:
- Independent Science/Engineering Research Project
- Self-Directed Research Timeline
- Rigorous Academic Requirements Through UCONN Course Work



Integrated Courses Offered Through BACA



Origins of Aquaculture (Full Year Honors)



Aquaculture Engineering (Full Year Honors)



UCONN ECE Introduction to Environmental Science (1/2 Year AP)



UCONN ECE Introduction to Oceanography (½ Year AP)



Advanced Statistics (Full Year Honors)

UCONN ECE Courses

Introduction to Environmental Science

- 3 Credits
- Official UCONN Transcript
- Fully Transferable Credit to Approved Institutions

Introduction to Oceanography (with Laboratory)

- 4 Credits
- Official UCONN
 Transcript
- Fully Transferable Credit to Approved Institutions



Typical Daily Schedule

ECE Instruction/Lab Days

- 8:00am 9:00am
 - Interactive Lecture covering the required UCONN material
- 9:00am 10:30am
 - Independent Research Time
- 10:30am
 - Dismal to Statistics Course



Laboratory Days

- 8:00am 10:30am
 - Full Laboratory Days
 - Student Directed Activities (Teacher provides technical/safety advice)
 - Comprehensive Experimentation
 - Peer to Peer Consultation



Independent Research Project

- Original
- Creative
- Valid
- Feasible

Required Elements

- Project Proposal
 - Typically 15-30 Pages due at the start of the project to outline the project idea, protocols and timeframe
- Bi-Weekly Seminar
 - Oral presentations which are 15-30 minutes in length providing project updates
- Independent Work
 - Daily work on the project is required

Types of Research Projects

Life Science

Biological Biochemistry Medical Science

Physical Science

Chemistry Engineering Environmental Science



Modeling

Data Mining Programing

How to Pick a Project Topic (The Easy Way)

Focus



What About Your Favorite Subject Do you like Best
Example: Environmental Engineering
Start Searching for Topics Example: Current Issues in Environmental Engineering Search for Specific Points
Example: Environmental Engineering Design of Pollution Control Devices
Make Sure Your Idea is Original and YOUR DONE

Selection

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Examples of Recent Research Projects

- Utilizing a Graphene Oxide/Copper and Reflective Aluminum Design to Improve Heating/Cooling Efficiency
- Allelopathic Effects of Invasive Red Macroalga (Grateloupia turuturu) for the Mitigation of Harmful Algal Blooms
- Determining the Efficacy of Dexamethasone Infused Polypropylene Mesh to Prevent Post Surgical Abdominal Adhesion
- Utilization of Piezoelectric Elements for Power Generation on Wave-Impacted Shorelines within modifications of Breakwater Design



Science and Engineering Competitions

Local Fairs

- In House Competition
- City of Bridgeport Science Expo
- Lattimer STEM Challenge

State Fairs

- Connecticut Science and Engineering Fair
- Connecticut Junior Science and Humanities Symposium
- Connecticut AgriSicnece Fair
- Connecticut STEM Fair

National Fairs

- National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium
- National AgriScience Fair
- National Stockholm Junior Water Prize

International Fairs

- Genius International Olympiad
- Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair

Any Questions??

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