Graduate Program in Environmental Toxicology

The Department of Environmental Toxicology, the academic home for faculty and students in the Institute of Environmental and Human Health (TIEHH), offers graduate degrees in Environmental Toxicology through the College of Arts & Sciences. TIEHH and the Department of Environmental Toxicology offer students the opportunity to learn from nationally and internationally recognized faculty working in multidisciplinary teams to address critical environmental issues.

The academic program offers students the opportunity to study, understand, and interpret the behavior of chemical contaminants in the environment and their interactions with humans and other biological receptors. Generally, a strong background in the natural, physical, or health sciences will provide the necessary preparation for this program.

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Degree Programs

M.S. The student is required to complete a thesis and 36 hours of coursework. Students who possess varied backgrounds in the life sciences, agriculture, forestry, community and clinical medicine, as well as the physical sciences and engineering, are served by this program. The M.S. in Environmental Toxicology provides excellent preparation for entering a doctoral program Environmental Toxicology, Civil or Environmental Engineering, Environmental Management, or in related areas of the life sciences.

Ph.D. The student is required to complete a dissertation and 72 hours of coursework (36 hours beyond the M.S.). Doctoral graduates will be qualified to be fully successful at universities, colleges, government and non-governmental organizations, foundations, and industry.

Joint Degree The Department offers a joint degree, J.D./M.S. with the Texas Tech School of Law.
Academic Research Programs Offered

Analytical Toxicology  Aquatic Toxicology  Human Health Sciences  Ecotoxicology

Nanotoxicology  Biological Threats In The Environment  Wildlife Toxicology  White-Tailed Deer and Cervids Research Program

Biochemical, Mechanistic, Endangered Species Toxicology  Chemical Countermeasures and Advanced Materials

Alumni Careers

Graduates with an M.S. or Ph.D. degree from this Department will have numerous opportunities to work in corporate, government, or academic fields. Graduates have been employed by such organizations as CH2M Hill, DuPont, Dow AgroSciences, Syngenta, Genesis Laboratories, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and esteemed universities around the country.