**ENSC 9: Orientation to Environmental Sciences**

# Overview:

This one-credit class is designed to acquaint you with the environmental sciences discipline and profession in general, and our ENSC major in particular. Through this class, you’ll have a chance to meet many of your fellow ENSC majors, hear about opportunities for internships and undergraduate research, and meet with members of UVM Career Services to discuss strategies for planning your post-UVM career. This will not be the most intellectually difficult class you take this semester, but it may be the most important as it will set the stage for your four years, and beyond.

**Course Learning Objectives:** By the end of this course you will be able to:

* Develop a 4 year plan to maximize your preparation for a career in environmental science.
* Communicate how to go about identifying undergraduate research and internship opportunities
* Create your first professional resume
* Confirm (or reject) your selection of ENSC as a major, and narrow down your choice of concentrations

# Meeting Time and Place: Wednesday from 4 to 5 PM; Room 219 Delehanty Hall

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# Course grade:

Your final grade in ENSC 9 will be based on the following:

* 75%: **Attendance and Timeliness**: Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. Miss more than 3 classes and your grade will drop.
* 25% **Weekly Assignments**: Following the course schedule, there will be various assignments for each session. This will vary in format and will include your draft resume. Failure to complete any of the assignments and your grade will drop.

# Guest speakers:

The backbone of this class are the guests that visit nearly every week of the semester. The schedule is still being finalized, but there will be representatives of Career Services as well as the Office of Undergraduate Research but most importantly, environmental science faculty will talk about their research and how you can get involved. The breadth of topics that UVM faculty are engaged in is representative of the breadth of what constitutes “environmental science.”