



## Ph.D. in Water Resources Program Handbook

### Welcome

Welcome to the Ph.D. Water Resources (WRS) interdisciplinary program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas! The program is built on an integrative curriculum and an interdisciplinary approach. It focuses on solving water challenges that transcend traditional academic boundaries. It is a technically and scientifically based program that blends the physical, chemical, and biological aspects of water resources with public health, policy, and management. The WRS program is designed to provide students from a wide range of educational backgrounds an opportunity to develop water resource professionals. Program graduates are expected to become part of a diverse, highly educated, and trained interdisciplinary workforce that supports water-related entities in Nevada and beyond.

This handbook is intended primarily as a guide for matriculated students, but prospective students should also review this material to better understand programmatic expectations. For further explanation of material presented in this handbook, other information regarding the WRS program, please contact the Program Director.

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Director, Water Resources Ph.D. Program

### Mission Statement

The WRS Ph.D. Program prepares students from a wide range of academic backgrounds to address issues of local, national, and global importance. In doing so, it supports the UNLV Top Tier 2.0 mission and goal of Research and Creative activity by attracting funded research from various agencies and industries, creating publications in front journals, and producing a diverse pool of high quality Ph.D. graduates.

### Purpose

The purpose of this handbook is to provide program specific information that is not found in the UNLV Graduate Catalog. Students are responsible for understanding and following the policies and procedures delineated in this document and the UNLV Graduate Catalog, as well as the NSHE Code, UNLV Bylaws, and the UNLV Student Conduct Code. Questions about policies should be directed to the Graduate Coordinator, [valarie.burke@unlv.edu](mailto:valarie.burke@unlv.edu) or [gradassociatedean@unlv.edu](mailto:gradassociatedean@unlv.edu).

### Program Faculty

Faculty must hold graduate faculty status to be involved in graduate education at UNLV. For information regarding graduate faculty status in the WRS Ph.D. Program, [visit the Faculty status web page](#).

The WRS Ph.D. Program is interdisciplinary in nature. Membership in the WRS faculty is by application. Participating faculty come from the Colleges of Sciences, Urban Affairs, Engineering, and Liberal Arts Schools of Public Health at UNLV, plus the Desert Research Institute. Qualified faculty from these academic units can request graduate faculty status in the WRS Ph.D. Program by contacting the Program Director.

### Program Information

Water Resources Doctoral Philosophy  
Concentration 1: Water Technology  
Concentration 2: Water Science and Health  
Concentration 3: Water Policy and Management

For further program information, visit [the UNLV Graduate Catalog](#)

### Contact Information

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defense. The advisor approved written dissertation must be provided to all members of advisory committee two weeks before requesting committee approval to schedule the oral defense. The first portion of all WRS dissertation defenses consists of a public research presentation by the candidate. The presentation will be followed by a short question/answer period for the public audience. After a short recess, the candidate will be questioned by their advisory committee for a period of up to 2 hours. The committee will then deliberate and vote on the dissertation. (11.096 (a)4.00ie) ( 95 (t)8.9 (e)15 (r)-2.998 ( umma)1 (mber)9.00







## University Policies and Procedures

Graduate students are responsible for knowing and acting in accordance with UNLV Policies and Procedures. To view the most commonly referenced campus policies and procedures, you can refer to the following websites:

[Academic Integrity](#)

[Activation for Military Service](#)

[Change of Address](#)

[FERPA/Privacy Rights](#)

[Health InsuranceMandatory](#)

[Jean Clery Campus Safety and Security Report](#)

[Proof of Immunization](#)

[Policies and Procedures on the Protection of Research Subjects](#)

[Rebelmail Policy](#)

[Student Conduct Code](#)

[Student Computer Use Policy](#)

[Title IX](#)

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The Title IX Coordinator can be reached through [online reporting form](#), by email at [titleixcoordinator@unlv.edu](mailto:titleixcoordinator@unlv.edu), by phone at (702) 895-5555, by mail at 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Box 215, Las Vegas, NV, 89156, or in person at Frank and Estella Beam Hall (BEH), Room 555.