

Nature of Research/Program Description:

The (H)ACER Program at Colleges Nine and Ten provides undergraduate students with a variety of opportunities to learn with and from the local community and produce knowledge that diversifies the voices and perspectives represented within academia. We work from the premise that students--both undergraduate and graduate--feel more invested in higher education when their unique contributions to scholarship are recognized, when diverse sources of expertise are valued, and when the work they do promotes positive change. (H)ACER trains students in participatory, critical and feminist research methodologies and creates opportunities for students to work and conduct research in real world contexts. In collaboration with our community partners, students engage in projects that address pressing issues such as social, economic, educational, and environmental injustice through an approach that pushes against deficit and damage-centered frameworks and honors the knowledges of community members. Our research projects and community sites are tied together through our focus on imagining sustainable futures, which encompass the following themes: education, schooling, Land, environment, food justice and racial/class equity.

Flyer or Brochure: (attach)

Website:

- College 10: <https://collegeten.ucsc.edu/hacer/index.html>
- College 9: <https://collegenine.ucsc.edu/hacer/index.html>
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Location: Colleges Nine and Ten, Social Sciences 1

Target Students: (if any specific group/cohort)

- All undergraduates interested in Community Engaged Research. Bilingual skills in Spanish a plus.

Program Time Period: All year

Time Period Details: for first and second year students, we encourage internships and volunteer opportunities (PRAXIS) and Alternative Spring Break as ways to become more familiar with community contexts. Third, fourth and fifth year students can enroll in CLTE 135 (Fall) and 136 (Winter) and continue with research tutorials in Spring.

Application Deadline: rolling

Contact Info:

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- Community Outreach Coordinator, Michelle Hernandez, mherna81@ucsc.edu

Major(s):

All majors are welcome.

Most relevant:

- **Anthropology**
- **Environmental Studies**
- **Ethnic Studies**
- **Education**
- **Feminist studies**
- **Sociology**
- **History**

Any additional information: