

Semester Departmental Honors Requirements

Department Name: Earth & Environmental Sciences

The Departmental Honors Scholar degree designation is awarded through the University Honors Program at Wright State University. For your convenience, this template reflects typical departmental honors requirements, and you may find that this template will help you to convert the existing quarter requirements to semester requirements.

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Eligibility Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cumulative and/or major GPAs Earned credit hours 	<i>Cumulative and major GPA of at least 3.0 and junior status.</i>
Proposal and Approval Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements for a student proposal Details about the department's approval of the proposal 	<i>Departmental Application (please see attached), summary proposal (~200 words) for a Senior Thesis Research project, endorsement of the student's departmental advisor, Senior Thesis advisor, and EES Undergraduate Studies Committee.</i>
Academic Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length, scope, and nature of the research/project/internship/co-op/performance Course(s), credit hours (typically 3-6 semester hours), and required grades Presentation (if required) 	<i>In consultation with a faculty research advisor, students design a research problem that involves data collection and analysis. Students must satisfactorily complete a Senior Thesis that requires between 4 – 6 credits in EES 4960. The final Senior Thesis will normally exceed fifteen pages and be more than 2500 words. More than one draft will be required.</i>
Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the criterion List who will determine satisfactory completion of the departmental honors requirements 	<i>Evaluation will include periodic assessment of progress and a final determination of the quality of the research primarily through the written thesis. This evaluation will be made by the student's Senior Thesis advisor.</i>
Project Oversight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detail who will serve as a student's project advisor (a single faculty member, department committee, and/or department chair) 	<i>The student's Senior Thesis advisor will consist of a single faculty member.</i>
Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the typical timeline for completion of the project, including milestones for when a student should apply to, begin work on, and complete the project 	<i>The typical timeline for a Senior Thesis project will be: (1) application at least two semesters prior to the student's expected date of graduation; (2) data collection and analysis during one semester; and (3) writing, revision, and final reporting during a second semester.</i>
Q2S Transition Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a student begins an honors project on the quarter system but will complete the project on the semester system, describe the transition plan, including Q2S course equivalencies 	<i>Students beginning a Senior Thesis during the quarter system will register for credit as EES 496. Satisfactory credits earned in EES 496 will apply by a factor of 2/3 to the 4 – 6 credits in EES 4960 required for a Senior Thesis under the semester system.</i>
Forms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attach any forms a student must complete in conjunction with the departmental honors project (admission, approval, etc.) 	<i>The following documents are attached to this form: (1) Guidelines/Requirements for EES Departmental Honors; (2) EES Department Application for Departmental Honors; and (3) syllabus for EES 4960.</i>

Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences Guidelines/Requirements for Graduating with Departmental Honors

Students may graduate with Departmental Honors by completing the following requirements. If you have questions about any of these requirements, please see your academic advisor. For university honors information, please visit www.wright.edu/academics/honors.

Departmental Honors Scholar

Students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better may apply during their junior year for admission to the EES Department Honors Program. For Departmental Honors, students must: (1) apply to the Departmental Honors Program; and (2) notify the University Honors Program by visiting www.wright.edu/honors, clicking on the “Apply” link, and completing the on-line form.

Requirements for Departmental Honors:

- Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0
- Students must have satisfactorily completed a Senior Thesis. The Senior Thesis requires a total of between 4 – 6 credits in EES 4960.
- Students must apply to the EES Department AND to the University Honors Program for Departmental Honors

To Apply to the EES Department for Departmental Honors... Applications to the EES Department Honors Program should be made in writing to the Undergraduate Studies Committee Chair and must include the following:

- A departmental application
- A summary proposal (of about 200 words) for a Senior Thesis research project
- The endorsement of the student's departmental academic advisor and that of the Senior Thesis Advisor, if not the same individual.

Please note that your expected date of graduation must be at least 2 full semesters, not including summer, after the date of the application.

To Apply to Graduate with Departmental Honors... Applications to graduate with Departmental Honors must be through the University Honors Program:

Complete the university application for departmental honors prior to applying for graduation. Applications are available online at www.wright.edu/academics/honors -- click on the “Forms” icon, then click on “Honors Degree Application.” For Departmental Honors only, students also complete the personal data on the “Fulfillment of Departmental Honors Requirements” form and obtain signatures from the faculty advisor and department chair.

Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
Application for Departmental Honors and/or Senior Thesis

Instructions: Complete this form and return to the EES Main Office in 260 Brehm Lab. Attach your proposal and obtain the signature(s) of your academic advisor and your senior thesis advisor, if not the same individual. For university honors information, visit www.wright.edu/academics/honors.

- ☐ I am applying to the Department Honors Program which includes a senior thesis
(See attached for information on the Department honors application process)
- ☐ I am applying to do a Senior Thesis but will NOT be applying for Departmental
or University Honors
- ☐ I have attached my summary proposal (see your advisor as to what information
should be included)
- ☐ I will also be applying for University Honors or General Studies Honors

Name _____ UID# _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____ Today's Date _____

I plan on beginning my senior thesis _____ (please list semester/year)

My senior thesis advisor is: _____

My academic advisor is _____

I will be taking a total of ____ senior thesis credits in F ____ SP ____ SU ____ (list year)

I will be taking this course for ____ a letter grade OR ____ a pass/unsatisfactory grade

I plan on presenting my senior thesis research at a professional meeting Yes ____ No ____

I plan to graduate in _____ (please list semester/year)

General Research Topic

Endorsements – Signatures Required

Academic Advisor _____ Date _____

Senior Thesis Advisor _____ Date _____

Undergraduate Studies Committee Approval Signature/Date _____