

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>

