

**Department of Geography
University of Maryland, College Park**

HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Why do the Honors Program?

The Honors Program is a great opportunity to stand out from your peers. It also provides valuable skills to use in graduate school or the job market. It is a very prestigious program since only a few are chosen each semester based their academic and research accomplishments.

What is the course curriculum?

- **Honors Research; (3 credits)** Grade Method: REG/P-F/AUD.
Prerequisite: permission of department. Senior standing. For GEOG majors only. Formerly GEOG 397. First course in the departmental honors sequence. Student development of a potential research topic under the guidance of a faculty advisor, culminating in a written and oral presentation of a research proposal.

- **GEOG397 (PermReq) Honors Thesis; (3 credits)** Grade Method: REG/P-F/AUD.
Prerequisite: GEOG396. Senior standing. For GEOG majors only. Formerly GEOG 399. Second course in the departmental honors sequence. Student research under the auspices of a faculty advisor, culminating in a research paper to be defended orally before the geography honors committee.

What are the academic requirements?

- Talk to an Undergraduate Advisor, your professors, or Dr Geores, Director of the Honors Program
- Students must have at least 56 semester hours
- A minimum overall grade point average of 3.2
- A minimum grade point average of 3.5 in Geography
- **Submit a proposal-** a one page proposal based on your research interest.
- Identify a faculty with whom you would like to work.
- **Submit the Application form-** for review to the Undergraduate office located in 2181 Lefrak Hall.
- The application plus the requirements mentioned above will be reviewed, an interview will be setup with you and the Honors Program Director, and a decision will be made about your acceptance into the honor program.

What happens once you are accepted?

- You and your mentor will formalize your project and agree to a research plan. You will work under that plan, keeping in touch with your mentor. If you are really lucky you will be able to join your mentor's research team.
- Periodically you will meet with the Director of the Honors Program and the other honors students to discuss your research.
- All along you will be researching your topic and keeping in close contact with your mentor, meeting with him/her and providing written materials according to the time table you have setup.
- When the project is complete it will be reviewed by another faculty member to determine if you will receive honors.
- You will present your paper at departmental seminar.
- Once you have met all these requirements you can proudly graduate with Honors in Geography.

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Student Information

Student ID	Date
First Name	Last Name
Street Address	City, State
Telephone	E-mail
Major(s):	Minor(s):
Faculty Advisor Assigned to:	

Curriculum Eligibility:

Check: Completed 56 credits () 3.2 Overall GPA () 3.5 Geog GPA ()

Brief Description of Research

By signing this document, the student, faculty supervisor, and departmental advisor have read and agreed to the described activities and goals.

Honor Decision:

Accepted

Not Accepted

Academic Honor Director Signature: _____

Date: _____

This form must be returned to Geography Advising Office located in Lefrak Hall 2108. You must submit all necessary paper work and complete this application before the drop/add period of each semester.