**Departmental Honors -- Geography**

The Geography Department offers a Departmental Honors award in collaboration with the Honors Program. Departmental Honors is a way to recognize students who have attained the highest academic achievement.

**Why do Geography Departmental Honors?**
Earning the honors designations confers additional distinction to a student’s academic achievement by identifying them as exceptional to graduate programs and prospective employers.

**Requirements for Departmental Honors in Geography:**

1. Complete all the required course work for one of the Geography major tracks;
2. Maintain a cumulative overall GPA of 3.5 and a GPA of 3.7 in the major;
3. Earn an A grade in Geography 4990 – Senior Seminar
4. Complete a minimum of 20 documented hours of major-related service. (For example, an internship working at the Ogden Nature Center or tutoring.)
5. Demonstrate an interest and expertise in research by making a professional presentation at, for example, the WSU Undergraduate Research Conference, the Association of American Geographers meeting, or the Intermountain Sustainability Summit (held at WSU).

**How to apply for Departmental Honors:** Students must apply to be awarded departmental honors and be cleared by both the Geography Department and the Honors Program.

1. Complete the **Entrance Application Form** with Dr. Alice Mulder, the Geography Departmental Honors Advisor (amulder@weber.edu), no later than one semester before the semester you plan to graduate. You are strongly encouraged to apply for Departmental Honors as early as possible.
2. Bring the completed and signed application to Marilyn Diamond, the Honors advisor, in the Honors Center, 2nd floor of the Stewart Library. To make an appointment with Marilyn, call 626-7336.
3. Meet the requirements listed above.
4. Meet with the Departmental Honors Advisor for graduation clearance and to complete the **Exit Application Form**.
5. Visit with Marilyn Diamond, the Honors advisor, to be cleared for graduation with Departmental Honors. Students must be in the Honors Program for at least one full semester before applying for graduation with Honors. (Bring the completed and signed Exit From pirr to Fall Break if you plan to graduate in the Fall, or prior to Spring Break if you plan to graduate in the Spring.)

**Students earning departmental honors will be recognized in the following ways:**

* Departmental Honors medallion to wear at commencement.
* “Geography Departmental Honors” designation on official transcript.
* “Geography Departmental Honors” printed on degree diploma.
* Personalized certificate signed by the President of Weber State University and the Honors Director.
* Invitations to Honors educational and social events.
* Invitation to Honors Nye-Cortez banquet at the end of the academic year.

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