

Geography Honors Submission Guidelines

Requirements:

- Student must be a Geography major or minor
- Student must have a Geography GPA of at least 3.5 and a University GPA of at least 3.25
- Student must be a Senior

Submission instructions:

Applications for Geography Honors are reviewed by a committee of Geography faculty. If awarded, the designation of "Geography Honors" is recorded on the academic transcript and noted on the Commencement program. To be considered, the student must submit:

- 1) A **Cover Essay** of not more than three pages, single-spaced, outlining their progress as a student of Geography and detailing important influences such as key courses, academic and service experiences, study abroad, and/or interactions with people that have contributed to the student's interest and performance in Geography. The committee is looking for essays that demonstrate a student's critical reflection on his/her intellectual development.
- 2) A **transcript** of courses, including a report that shows both university GPA and geography GPA.
- 3) **Two examples of exemplary work** which may be academic papers or projects such as maps or service reports. These must be from courses at the intermediate (100) or advanced (200) level. No work from introductory level courses (0 level) will be accepted.

The student must include a description of the assignment for which the paper or project was completed. The student must also indicate the percentage contribution of this assignment towards the final grade in the course (please see note in recommendations below). The work must be a formal and significant assignment, constituting no less than 15% of the final grade in the course.

Any submission that was part of a group project must include a clear description of the student's individual contribution to the work. For example, the student should list the writing/maps/figures/images he/she produced.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is strongly advised that the student speak with their advisor or course professors regarding their submissions for Honors review.

Students should revise their work before submitting it to the Honors Committee. They should submit a clean copy of each paper. The paper should not include professor comments, corrections, or grades.

Questions about the honors award and the submission requirements should be directed to your Geography advisor or to department chair, Dr. Beverley Wemple (bwemple@uvm.edu)

Please submit all application materials by email to geography@uvm.edu by Monday, March 21 at 9:00am.