

❧ ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM HONORS ❧

The Environmental Program encourages students to challenge themselves intellectually through their Senior Project and Thesis.

We know from our alumni that the level of academic excellence attained by Environmental Studies majors, plus the amount of effort required to complete the work, combine to make the project/thesis the most significant aspect of their undergraduate work. This has great impact on future career choices as well as selection of graduate school.

Therefore, in recognition of excellence shown by those individual students with outstanding senior project/thesis work, Environmental Program Honors will be awarded at graduation when the criteria below are met. Students also are encouraged to seek honors in their school or college.

- The student has a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher; and
- The completed thesis/project receives the grade of "excellent" from each approved evaluator, at least two of whom are members of the Environmental Program faculty; and
- The student is nominated by the Environmental Program evaluators based upon the degree to which the senior project/thesis is truly exceptional in all aspects, including planning, execution, the drawing of conclusions, and the final products; and
- The student successfully gives a public, oral presentation of the completed work, open to faculty, students, and guests at UVM on a specified date typically near the end of either the spring or fall semester.



Environmental Program Honors

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- ✓ To be considered for Program Honors you must have a minimum of two senior thesis advisor/evaluators, at least two of whom are Environmental Program faculty members. You are strongly encouraged to secure your evaluators and to inform them of your intent to seek Honors as early as possible as you begin work on your project or thesis.
- ✓ To ensure adequate evaluation time, bound, completed theses to be considered for Program Honors should be submitted to your evaluators by November 15th for fall semester presentations and April 15th for spring semester presentations. Grades should be forwarded to the ENVS-202 Coordinator by November 30th and April 30th respectively.
- ✓ To be considered for Program Honors each of your evaluators must submit an A- or higher evaluation.
- ✓ You must have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher at the time of consideration for honors.
- ✓ If you meet the above conditions, your Environmental Program evaluators may nominate you for Program Honors based upon the degree to which your senior project or thesis is truly excellent and exceptional in all aspects, including planning, execution, the drawing of conclusions, and the final products.
- ✓ If nominated, you will prepare an oral presentation of the work accomplished, including appropriate visual aids. You must seek Environmental Program faculty guidance during the preparation to ensure a professional presentation of honors quality.
- ✓ To receive Program Honors, you will make a final presentation to the faculty of the Environmental Program, and any other persons who wish to attend, on a day designated by the Program Director (typically during the period of final exams and reading days). You are encouraged to invite other students, faculty, friends and family, and your thesis or project evaluators.
 - ▶ Upon the granting of Program Honors, the ENVS-202/203 Coordinator will complete the necessary paperwork regarding grade and course number changes, and will transmit to the Commencement staff necessary information.
 - ▶ The Program Director will provide you with a letter certifying the granting of Environmental Program Honors.