Honors Programs Orientation

Preparing for the Capstone Research Experience in the School of Social Ecology
Overview

- Why a senior research project?
- What does it involve?
- What programs are available?
- What preparation is needed?
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Why a Senior Research Project?

- To participate in creating knowledge, and to explore your interest in conducting research.
- To work closely with faculty members.
- To get the kind of research experience necessary for admission to graduate school.
What Does it Involve?

- Finding a mentor
- Exploring your interests by defining a research question and reviewing the literature
- Collecting and analyzing data to answer your question
- Presenting your findings in a senior thesis and an oral presentation
What Programs?

- Campus-wide Honors Program
- School of Social Ecology Honors Program
- Psychology and Social Behavior Excellence in Research Program
For students invited to join as freshmen (or later) by application

- Has required curriculum for 1st 3 years

- Requires capstone research project in senior year

- May carry out senior project in the Social Ecology Honors Program
Social Ecology Honors Program

- Serves students in all Social Ecology departments, whether in the Campus-wide Honors program or not
- Applications taken during the junior year from those with eligible GPA
- Requires participation in the Honors Seminar H190ABW, 3-quarter senior course sequence
How to Apply

- Submit 1-2 page research proposal
- Unofficial transcript
- Letter of recommendation from faculty mentor
- Due to Social Ecology Student Services Office by: Friday, May 25th, 5:00p.m.
PSB Excellence in Research Program

- Open to PSB majors with eligible GPA
- Requires SE111 and 190 in the junior year
- Requires participation in Social Ecology Honors program with the Honors Seminar H190ABW in senior year
Preparation: Junior Year

- Fall: Complete SE10 (intro. to research methods, prereq for SE111)
- Winter: Complete SE13 (intro. to statistics, prereq for 190) & enroll in SE111 (advanced research methods; required for PSB excellence)
- Spring: Apply for Social Ecology Honors Program & enroll in 190 (advanced statistics; required for PSB excellence)
Completion: Senior Year

- Enroll in H190ABW (fall, winter, spring)

- Complete senior project and present (senior thesis, presentation at UCI Undergraduate Research Symposium)

- PSB majors apply for Excellence in Research recognition
What to expect in H190ABW

Fall
- Meets weekly, letter grade
- Activities:
  - Sharpen research question
  - Design study
  - Apply for human subjects permission
  - Conduct literature review
  - Submit UROP Application
What to expect in H190ABW

- **Winter**
  - Meets twice, most work with faculty mentor
  - Pass/No pass grade
  - Activities
    - Conduct study

- **Spring**
  - Meets weekly, letter grade
  - Activities
    - Write up research
    - Present at UROP conference
More Information?

- Campus-wide Honors Program
  [http://www.honors.uci.edu](http://www.honors.uci.edu)

- School of Social Ecology Honors Program

- PSB Excellence in Research Program
  [http://psb.soceco.uci.edu/pages/excellence-research-program](http://psb.soceco.uci.edu/pages/excellence-research-program)
Thank you for coming!