SE HONORS PROGRAM
INFO SESSION

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

- Why do a senior research project?
- What does it involve?
- What programs are available?
- What preparation is needed?
- Need more information?
BENEFITS OF HONORS PROGRAMS

- 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
- Honors distinction at graduation
- Network and gain support from like-minded, high achieving students
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
PROGRAM OPTIONS

- Campuswide Honors Program (CHP)
- School of Social Ecology Honors Program
- Social Ecology Excellence in Research
CAMPUS-WIDE HONORS PROGRAM

- For students invited to join as freshmen (or later) by application
- Has required curriculum for first 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 Campuswide Honors program or not
- Applications taken during the junior year from those with eligible GPA
- Requires participation in the Honors Seminar H190ABW, a 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, April 28th, 5:00p.m.
SOCIAL ECOLOGY EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

- Open to all majors
- Requires SE111 and 190 in the junior year
- Requires completion of the Social Ecology Honors program with the Honors Seminar H190ABW in senior year
PREPARATION: SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Complete Socecol 10, Research Design
- Complete Socecol 13, Statistical Analysis
- Identify areas of research interest. Review faculty profiles. Reach out to faculty in areas of interest
PREPARATION: JUNIOR YEAR

- **Fall:** Complete Socecol 10 and 13 if not already complete. Do research with faculty

- **Winter:** Enroll in SE111 (Advanced Research Methods; required for SE excellence). Do research with faculty

- **Spring:** Apply for Social Ecology Honors Program & enroll in 190 (advanced statistics; required for SE excellence) Do research with faculty
COMPLETION: SENIOR YEAR

- Enroll in Socecol H190ABW (fall, winter, spring)
- Complete senior project and present (senior thesis, presentation at UCI Undergraduate Research Symposium)
- Submit application for Social Ecology Excellence in Research
WHAT TO EXPECT IN SOCECOL 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

❖ School of Social Ecology Honors Program
  ➢ http://students.soceco.uci.edu/pages/social-ecology-honors-program

❖ Social Ecology Excellence in Research Program
  ➢ http://students.soceco.uci.edu/pages/social-ecology-excellence-research-distinction
THANK YOU
for joining us!