

Environmental Studies Honors Program

The Environmental Studies Programs seeks to encourage and strongly support Honors-level study within the EVST major. Hence, EVST students admitted to the University Honors Program will be assigned an advisor familiar with the Honors graduation requirements as early in their career at UConn as possible. As all students should, Honors students are strongly encouraged to actively seek out their advisor and meet with him or her on a regular basis. This will be especially important as students look toward the senior Honors sequence in Environmental Studies.

EVST Honors Requirements

- **Relatively early in the Junior year** - Consult with your Honor advisor about your research interests. This meeting should focus on your prospective senior thesis research project and hopefully begin the process of selecting a *thesis* supervisor for the senior year. Your Honors advisor will help you find a thesis supervisor appropriate to your research interests.
- **Early November Junior year** - your Preliminary Plan of Study Form is due at the Honors office.
- **Fall semester Senior year – 3 credits**
 - Enroll in EVST 4000W, Environmental Studies Capstone Research Project, during the Fall semester of the senior year. This 3-credit course will be converted to Honors credit.
- **Fall semester Senior year – 1 credit**
 - Enroll in EVST 3999 during the Fall semester for 1 credit. This starting-point for your thesis research will be under the supervision of your thesis supervisor. You will need permission from your thesis supervisor as well as the EVST director to enroll in this course. This 1-credit course will be converted to Honors credit.
 - Students should designate this course as “thesis” on the plan of study.
- **Spring semester Senior year – 3 credits**
 - Enroll in EVST 3999 during the Spring semester for 3 credits. This independent research course will focus on the completion of your Honors thesis project. You will need permission from your thesis supervisor as well as the EVST director to enroll in this course. This 3-credit course will be converted to Honors credit.
 - Students should designate this course as “thesis” on the plan of study.
- **In addition, you will need a minimum of 5 EVST-qualifying credits of upper division Honors-level coursework and an additional 3 credits of Honors coursework to graduate with Honors.** “EVST-qualifying” means courses that are approved by your Honors advisor and the program director as ones that will count toward the EVST major requirements. Most such courses do not carry the EVST designation, as you know, but are drawn a wide array of departments and programs, but must all have an environmental focus.

- Please refer to <http://honors.uconn.edu/requirements-and-catalog-year/> and links from that page to understand the Honors graduation requirements in greater detail.