



# UH Manoa Honors Program

## Honors in Global Environmental Sciences (GES)

Would you like to graduate with a BS Honors degree? Would you like to turn your required Undergraduate Thesis into a Senior Honors Project?

GES majors have to complete a “scientific project of small to moderate scope” as part of the requirements of their program. This research is conducted in OCN 499, requiring a minimum of three credits. For those talented and motivated students willing to put in a little extra effort, this can be turned into an Honors Senior Project, conducted in HON 496, which requires six credits. If you choose to do the Honors thesis, this means you can earn an Honors degree as you develop a more in-depth research program and produce a better thesis, and perhaps a publishable journal article, which will certainly stand you in good stead for graduate school.

## Requirements for the Honors Program

HON 491, *Junior seminar* (3 credits, W focus). This is a multi-disciplinary seminar that satisfies the Honors Program breadth requirements. In some cases this may be waived if the student has complete Study Abroad or another equivalent broadening experience.

HON 495, *Introduction to Research* (3 credits, W and O focus). In this seminar/workshop students develop a proposal, which includes specification of a research question, a literature review, methodology and bibliography. This proposal is presented in a public conference in both oral and poster format.

HON 496, *Senior Honors Project* (6 credits, three of which are W focus). This is not a class, but credit for work done independently under supervision of a faculty mentor over two semesters (one of which may be in summer). The *first semester* generally focuses on data collection and the second of data analysis as well as writing and revising the manuscript. The final project is presented in a public conference in both oral and poster format.

Note: OCN 499 can be substituted for either HON 495 or first semester of HON 496, depending on content and individual need.

For more information and application materials please refer to the Honors Program website:

[www.honors.hawaii.edu](http://www.honors.hawaii.edu)

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