WILDLIFE and FISHERIES CONSERVATION DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Departmental Honors (DH) is an Advanced Scholarship track of Commonwealth Honors College (CHC). Students may complete DH as part of the full CHC curriculum, which includes Honors General Studies, or they may complete DH alone. All DH students are members of CHC.

Successful completion of the DH course requirements with minimum grades of B (or as specified below) and the submission of a properly formatted Honors Thesis or Project manuscript (minimum grade of B for Seminar manuscripts) will result in the award of "Departmental Honors" on the student’s academic transcript. For information about DH, speak with your Honors Program Director and see Admission Process below. For information about the full CHC Curriculum, see [http://www.honors.umass.edu/curriculum](http://www.honors.umass.edu/curriculum).

General Admission Criteria

Minimally, to be eligible to apply for DH, students must have:

- An overall GPA of 3.400 or higher earned after one or more fulltime semester/s of UMass Amherst coursework.
- The ability to complete the DH sub-plan requirements.
- The ability to complete the CHC minimum residency requirement, i.e., 45-graded (not pass/fail) credits earned at UMass Amherst (not transferred).

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Program Requirements

- 1 W&FCON Honors course any level
- 1 W&FCON Honors course 300-level or higher

Program Requirements

- Honors Thesis or Project. Options include:
  - Individually contracted: W&FCON 499Y Honors Research and W&FCON 499T Honors Thesis or 499P Honors Project
- When offered, 1cr W&FCON 291H, 391H and 491H seminars plus their pre-requisite non-honors root course are acceptable as DH electives.

Requirement Exceptions

Note: exceptions to the requirements above require approval by both the Honors Program Director (HPD) and a Commonwealth Honors College advisor; Petition for Exception requests must be submitted through CHC PATHS.

General Links

Honors Program Directors: [http://honorsapp.honors.umass.edu/courseguide/honorsCoordinators.aspx](http://honorsapp.honors.umass.edu/courseguide/honorsCoordinators.aspx)

CHC Application: [http://www.honors.umass.edu/joining-honors-college](http://www.honors.umass.edu/joining-honors-college)

Honors Thesis or Project: [http://www.honors.umass.edu/capstone-experience](http://www.honors.umass.edu/capstone-experience)

Manuscript documentation and formatting: [http://www.honors.umass.edu/capstone/formatting](http://www.honors.umass.edu/capstone/formatting)

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