Requirements for Departmental Honors in Geology: The Departmental Honors Program in Geology provides upper-division undergraduate students with an opportunity to formally participate in geologic research activities. Honors candidates carry out independent study and research under the guidance of the geology faculty. Outstanding student achievement will be recognized by awarding the distinction “Geology Scholar Cum Laude” at graduation. Higher degree distinctions may be awarded to truly outstanding students based upon the whole of their academic program and quality of honors research.

Honors candidates in geology must do the following:
1. Satisfy departmental and college requirements for a bachelor’s degree with honors,
2. Become a candidate no later than the second semester of their junior year,
3. Enroll in six hours of honors research GEOL 3901, GEOL 3911, GEOL 4922, GEOL 4932,
4. Take 12 hours in Honors Studies, which may include 6 hours of thesis,
5. Complete junior and senior honors courses GEOL 3901, GEOL 3911, GEOL 4922, GEOL 4932, and
6. Achieve a cumulative grade-point average of 3.30 in geology courses.