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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION AND MARINE BIOLOGY

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To: Independent Studies Students

From: Stephen Proulx, Vice Chair, Undergraduate Matters
Ellery Wilkie, Undergraduate Advisor
Department of Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology

Re: Departmental Senior Honors Program/Distinction in the Major

The Departmental Senior Honors Program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate excellence in their major field through an original independent research project. Students applying for acceptance into this program will be expected to devote much of their senior year to the design and completion of the project.

To be considered for the Senior Honors Program, students must have and maintain a major upper-division GPA of 3.0 (independent studies grades are not used within this calculation), an overall major GPA of 3.0, a cumulative GPA of 3.0, the support of a faculty member, must be eligible to enroll in independent studies courses, and must be able to complete a minimum of 9 graded units of EEMB 199 on the project. Qualified students should submit their proposals to the Department during the Fall quarter of their final senior year. After departmental review, a list of eligible participants will be forwarded to the College of Letters and Science Honors Office and the Registrar's Office.

Students and faculty will be notified only if there are questions regarding an applicant's proposal or if a student's participation in the program has been denied. So, no news is good news. Once a student's application had been approved, he or she may be given a special library card with privileges equivalent to those given to graduate students.

During the spring quarter of the student's graduating senior year, faculty sponsors will be contacted and asked to confirm each student's progress and to recommend those students whose work deserves the recognition of distinction in the major. Students completing the program successfully will have the award noted on their official transcripts and diploma.

The following constitutes the Senior Honors Application:

- 1) Cover page (attached).
- 2) Description of the project (limited to two typewritten pages).
- 3) Faculty recommendation (attached).

**Submit all application materials to Ellery Wilkie, Undergraduate Advisor,
in-person in LSB 3318 or via email at ellery.wilkie@lifesci.ucsb.edu
BY THE END OF FALL QUARTER**

SENIOR HONORS PROPOSAL

GRADUATION QUARTER: _____

Name _____ Class Level _____

Perm Number _____ Cum. GPA (REQUIRED) _____

Local Address _____

Local Phone _____ Major _____

Major GPA (REQUIRED) _____ Faculty Sponsor _____

Project Title _____

DESCRIPTION (1-2 pages Attach)

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Faculty Sponsor

Date

Signature of Director of Undergraduate Studies

Date

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SPONSORING FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

Please include an assessment of the student's ability to undertake the project, the educational merit of the project, and your anticipated supervisory role.

Student: _____

Signature of Faculty Sponsor

Date