Honors in the Major
Students have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. Departmental honors students must maintain a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 3.33 in all University of Iowa coursework and in all geoscience courses. Students must complete a senior thesis, registering in EES:4999 Honors Thesis in Geoscience. They must obtain approval of their honors thesis contract from their advisor and the department's undergraduate committee, and they must earn a grade of B or higher in EES:4999.

National Honor Society
The department sponsors a chapter of Sigma Gamma Epsilon National Honor Society for the Earth Sciences. Students with an overall g.p.a. of at least 2.80 and at least 3.20 in geoscience courses are considered for membership after they have completed a minimum of 16 s.h. of coursework in geoscience. Consult the departmental honors advisor for more information.

University of Iowa Honors Program
In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program; visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University's honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the geoscience major.