



Political Science Honors Program

SELECTION

Students should apply for admission to the program during the winter or spring quarters of their junior year. To be eligible for admission to the program a student must be a political science major and have earned a 3.2 minimum overall grade point average and a 3.5 GPA in political science course work. Selection of program participants will be made from among those who meet these eligibility standards.

APPLICATION

Submit the following to the Political Science Honors Program adviser (Prof. Melody Valdini):

- Transcripts showing all university level work
- Letters of reference from at least two members of the Division
- A brief statement (500 words or less) indicating your reasons for wishing to participate in the Honors Program, the areas of research/study you would be most interested in pursuing, and the names of any members of the Division with whom you would be interested in working.

REQUIREMENTS

- Complete the course requirements for a major in Political Science.
- PS 493 Philosophy of Social Sciences
- Honors Thesis. This will involve a year-long project consisting of consecutive PS 403 Honors Thesis courses arranged with the student's sponsor. Normally, the Fall Term will be devoted to research and the preparation of a research design; the Winter Term is devoted to completion of research and the first draft; the Spring Term is devoted to revision. At the conclusion of Spring Quarter the thesis will be presented to a colloquium and subject to review and criticism by a three member committee which shall include the student's sponsor.

SUPERVISION

Upon selection into the Honors Program the student will choose a sponsor from among the faculty of the Division of Political Science. The sponsor will be responsible for overseeing the progress of the student. Students who are not making satisfactory progress may be dropped from the program at the request of the sponsor. Prior to the beginning of the Spring Term the student, in consultation with his/her sponsor, will select two additional members of the faculty to serve on the thesis review committee. One of the members of this committee may be from outside the Division.