



Department of Political Science
HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Qualifications:

- Junior or Senior status
- Student must fulfill the standard requirements for the PSC Major
- GPA of 3.25 or higher

What is the Political Science Honors Program?

The PSC Honors Program is an opportunity for outstanding juniors and seniors with a GPA of 3.25 or higher to graduate with honors by completing a thesis, with the guidance of a PSC faculty member; or, by taking a PSC graduate seminar and completing the seminar with at least a B. Students receive 3 upper level credits for the thesis (by being registered in PSC 497).

When is the application due?

It is strongly recommended that students file applications before the first day of the Fall or Spring semester. A student seeking Honors should apply no later than the first semester of his/her final year of Political Science studies.

How do I apply?

1. A. **Thesis option:** Get an instructor's permission to enroll in PSC497. Do this by going to see a full-time PSC faculty member that you choose as your advisor for your thesis during his/her office hours. If he/she agrees to serve as the advisor, ask the instructor to sign this application. He/she will be your mentor to guide you with your research and writing, and will provide the grade for the course.

B. **Graduate Seminar option:** Choose a graduate seminar to enroll in. Get the instructor's permission to enroll in the course by going to his/her office during office hours and have him/her sign the "Petition for Course Credit Outside Your Primary Academic Career" form <http://registrar.buffalo.edu/pdfs/OutsideofCareerPetition.pdf> and this application.
2. Have the necessary forms signed by the DUS (Director of Undergraduate Studies)
3. Drop the completed application off to 519 Park Hall.

The department will respond to your application via email. If your application is approved, you will be registered for PSC497 Honors Thesis, or for the graduate seminar chosen.



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Name: _____

Student number: _____

UB Email Address: _____

GPA: _____ # of PSC courses completed _____

Semester and year of application: _____

What ideas do you have at this time regarding the subject of your honors thesis? [A thesis plan is not required for admission to the Honors Program]. (If applicable)

Graduate course enrolling in (if applicable): _____

Faculty advisor (name): _____

Faculty advisor signature: _____

DUS (name): _____

DUS Signature: _____

I understand that I will be registered for PSC497 Honors Thesis (3 credits) or the Graduate Seminar that I have indicated, whichever is applicable.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____