



Honors Program

Political Science Majors who have reached Junior standing and meet GPA minimums are eligible to begin the Honors Program. The Honors Program typically spans the Spring term of a student's Junior Year, to the Spring term of their Senior year. GPA minimums must be maintained to participate.

GPA Minimum Requirements: Political Science Major: 3.7; UO: 3.5

Junior Year – Spring Term:

- Attend the Honors Program Information Session (optional, but encouraged)
- Submit a PS 411 Honors Prospectus – Authorization to Register (link on Honors Program webpage)
 - Your eligibility will be confirmed; if eligible, you will receive an email with instructions to register for PS 411 for the following Fall term; 1 credit (P/N).
 - Honors College students are encouraged to complete this course, however, it is optional.

Senior Year – Fall Term:

- Select a thesis advisor and second reader.
 - The thesis advisor must be a Political Science faculty member.
 - At least one member must be tenure-related faculty (Professor, Associate Professor or Assistant Professor).
 - Political Science Instructors and Visiting Professors can serve as a thesis advisor or second reader, given that there is a PS tenure-related faculty member also serving.
- Submit the **Honors Program Agreement** by **week 6** (see reverse).
- After Fall term grades have been submitted, your eligibility will be confirmed. If eligible, you will receive an email with instructions to register for 4 credits of PS 403 Thesis in Winter term under the supervision of the thesis advisor.

Senior Year - Winter Term:

- Complete 4 credits of PS 403 Thesis.
- No later than the last day of classes, provide completed thesis to first and second readers.

Senior Year - Spring Term:

- No later than the Friday of Week 1: faculty will provide comments to students.
- Revise the thesis to meet faculty comments.
- No later than Monday Week 5: submit the final thesis to polisci@uoregon.edu; PDF preferred.
- Faculty will notify the Undergraduate Coordinator of honors distinctions.
- A final eligibility check will be performed during Week 5.
- A decision on granting the honors distinction will be made no later than the Friday of Week 5. The Undergraduate Coordinator will notify the Registrar's Office of those students who are to receive departmental honors.
- **Students who do not meet minimum GPA requirements at the time of graduation will not receive an honors distinction on their diploma.**
- Requests for exceptions to the GPA minimum or above procedures/deadlines may be made to the department head. The department head, in consultation with relevant faculty, will approve or deny exception requests. All decisions are final.



Honors Program Agreement

Submit this agreement no later than week 6 of Fall term. Students who complete PS 411 and maintain GPA requirements will be authorized to register for PS 403 in Winter Term.

Student Information

Name (print): _____ Student ID #: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Expected Term of Graduation: _____

Honors College Student: Yes ___ No ___

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thesis Title: _____

Thesis Advisor:

Advisor Name (Print) Signature Date

Second Reader:

Second Reader Name (Print) Signature Date

By signing this form, all parties agree to the Honors Program timelines and responsibilities. Any changes must be approved by the Department Head; submit change requests to the Undergraduate Coordinator.

Office Use Only:

PS 411: Pass ___ N/P ___

GPA (PS/UO): Fall ___ / ___ Winter ___ / ___ Spring ___ / ___

Honors Awarded ___

Undergraduate Coordinator Signature: _____ Date: _____