



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Bloomington

Application form for POLS Honors Program

This is a required form for students who want to write an honors thesis during the following academic year. Please start by having your advisor verify basic eligibility, and then complete steps 2-4 with required signatures. Please return your form to the Undergraduate Office in Woodburn 210.

Name: _____ Expected graduation term: _____
Email: _____ Major(s): _____
IU ID #: _____

Step 1: Verify basic eligibility

GPA: _____ College (min 3.3) _____ POLS Major (min 3.5)
Y205 completion: _____ Term _____ Grade (B or higher)
POLS credit hours: _____ Completed _____ In progress
Advisor's signature _____ Date _____

Step 2: Describe your planned thesis project

Tentative thesis title: _____

Proposed topic (summary paragraph of main subject, theme, or research question):

Step 3: Verify faculty sponsorship

My signature indicates that I agree to:

- provide timely feedback on monthly prospectus drafts during the fall term;
- supervise all research activities during the spring term; and,
- attend a thesis defense to be scheduled no later than the third week of April.

POLS sponsor _____ Signature _____
Date _____

Note: if you are enrolled in the dual degree in Political Science and Philosophy, your committee must have one faculty member from each Department. Either faculty member can chair your committee.

PHIL sponsor _____ Signature _____
Main advisor? _____ Date _____

Step 4: Agree to participation requirements

My signature indicates that I have read and agree that to be eligible for an honors diploma:

- I must enroll in the Y499 year long colloquium for a minimum of 3 credits for fall term and 1-3 credits for spring term.
- I must earn a grade of B+ or higher for each Y499 section.
- I will schedule a thesis defense no later than the third week of April. And I understand that I might be required to complete subsequent revisions to obtain final approval.
- I give permission to post my thesis title, abstract, and committee roster to a public website. I will also give an electronic copy of my final thesis to the POLS undergraduate office for record keeping. Additionally, I can opt in to post my thesis in a dedicated repository hosted by IU ScholarWorks.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Step 5: Final departmental review

Decision: Approved Not approved

Signature: _____ Date _____

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Online permission posted for FALL on _____ by _____.

Online permission posted for SPRING on _____ by _____.

Copies given to student and sponsoring faculty _____