



Honors Program Timeline

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

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

Junior Year – Spring Term:

- Attend the Honors Program Information Session (optional, but encouraged)
- Submit the **PS Honors Program: Intent to Enroll** Form (link on website) by Friday of Finals Week. Students must complete this form to be considered for the PS Honors Program.
 - Your eligibility will be confirmed after Spring grades are submitted. If eligible, you will receive an email with instructions to register for **PS 411 Thesis Prospectus** for the following Fall term; 1 credit (P/N).
 - Clark Honors College (CHC) students are encouraged to complete PS 411, however, they may opt out if they complete the CHC thesis course. For all other students, completion of PS 411 is required to graduate with PS Honors.

Senior Year – Fall Term:

- Complete **PS 411 Thesis Prospectus** (optional but encouraged for CHC students; see above)
- 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 **Friday of week 6** (see reverse). You must submit the agreement to be authorized to register for PS 403 Thesis; **students cannot graduate with PS Honors without PS 403 Thesis credits**. It is the student's responsibility to complete, collect signatures, and submit the agreement by week 6.
- After Fall term grades have been submitted, 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** (required for all students).
- No later than the last day of classes, provide completed thesis to first and second readers.

Senior Year - Spring Term:

- No later than Friday of Week 1: faculty will provide comments to students.
- Students must revise the thesis to meet faculty comments.
- No later than **Monday of Week 5: submit the final thesis** to your advisor, reader and 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 honors distinction will be made no later than **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 honors distinction on their diploma.**

Requests for exceptions to the GPA minimums 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 Friday, Week 6 of Fall term**. Submission of this agreement is required for all students in the PS Honors Program. Students must complete PS 411 Thesis Prospectus (or CHC thesis course), submit this agreement, and maintain GPA requirements to be authorized to register for PS 403 Thesis in Winter Term. Submit completed forms to polisci@uoregon.edu.

Student Information

Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Email: _____@uoregon.edu

Expected Term of Graduation: _____ Honors College Student: Yes ___ No ___

Thesis Title:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thesis Advisor:

_____ Name _____ Title _____ Department _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Second Reader:

_____ Name _____ Title _____ Department _____

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 at polisci@uoregon.edu.