

## **Senior Honors Thesis**

The Senior Honors Thesis is a year-long project that requires students to follow a carefully sequenced period of reading, writing, and revision culminating in a preliminary bibliography, and be able to provide evidence that they have done the course and preparatory work necessary to complete their proposed thesis.

Students must also get the agreement of an appropriate Political Science department faculty member to act as their thesis director, also before June 15 of the summer prior to the beginning of the thesis.

Students who plan to study off-campus (e.g., in a Study Abroad Program or in the Washington Semester Program at American University) during the spring semester of

3) Students must meet with their thesis director prior to the conclusion of the fall semester to establish a schedule for the completion of different stages of the research and for the submission of various drafts of the thesis.

4) Students must receive a final grade of at least "B" in PL 374 and the permission of the department to enroll in "PL 375: Senior Thesis" during the spring semester.

5) Students begin drafting their senior thesis during Winter Break at the latest.

6) Students enroll in "PL 375: Senior Thesis" for the spring semester of their senior year. During the first week of classes, students meet with their director to identify a second reader. Students are encouraged to choose a second reader from among the Political Science department faculty. Students can, however, select a reader from another department on campus, provided that both the thesis director and the second reader

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