The International Development Studies Departmental Honors Program offers highly motivated students the opportunity to design and conduct their own independent research on a development-related topic under the guidance of a faculty advisor. The honors program consists of three-quarters of directed-study courses culminating in an honors thesis.

Eligibility:
- Completion of any two of the IDS core classes (110, M120, 130)
- GPA for all upper division coursework for the IDS major of 3.5 or above
- Must secure a Faculty Advisor by Fall quarter of senior year

Departmental Honors Course Descriptions, Enrollment Requirements, and Expectations:

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| IDS 198A (4 units, letter grade) | Application form  
  2 page preliminary outline  
  Signed copy of IDS 198A course contract | Devoted to discussion and planning of thesis culminating in 10-15 page literature review. May count as elective for major (Part 2 or Part 4) as decided by IDS Chair. |
| IDS 198B (IP Grade) | 10-15 page literature review  
  Signed copy of IDS 198B course contract | Used for further literature review, research investigation and data collection. Culminates in a 20-25 pg draft OR 15-20 pg outline of thesis, including a brief introduction, major arguments, and discussion of the evidence or data. |
| IDS 198C (8 Units, letter grade) | 20-25 page draft OR a 15-20 page outline  
  Signed copy of IDS 198C course contract | Culminates to submission of completed thesis (units from 198B & 198C combined). |

Thesis due: **Friday, Week 10** (unless otherwise specified by your advisor)

**Honors & Highest Honors Distinctions:**
In addition to completing the thesis, for Departmental Honors in the International Development Studies major, the student must have a cumulative 3.00 GPA and 3.5 for IDS upper division coursework and minimum “A-” in Intl Dv 198C. For Departmental Highest Honors, the student must have a cumulative 3.00 GPA and 3.75 for IDS upper division coursework and minimum of “A” in Intl Dv 198C.

Refer to Honors Booklet (available online under “Research & Awards”) for:
- Tips for securing and interacting with faculty advisor
- Timeline of honor’s thesis
- Instructions on creating course contracts
- And more!
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES DEPARTMENTAL HONORS APPLICATION FORM

Last Name, First Name                                  UCLA ID #

Student Email                                         Date

General Instructions for Student:
• Meet all prerequisites and be approved by the department to apply to the program.
• Fill out this application and attach a 2-page preliminary outline of the research topic along with a printout of the signed course contract (available from MyUCLA).
• Last, you must meet with an IDS Academic Counselor (bring all 3 documents) no later than Week 2 of Fall quarter in order to enroll in IDS 198A.

Scope of Research Topic:
The research topic of the departmental honors thesis is of the student’s choosing, but should clearly relate to one or more of the core concepts of International Development Studies. Before starting the project, students are asked to provide potential faculty advisors, who can come from any department at UCLA, with a research proposal and 2 page preliminary outline which should include sufficient detail so that a determination of the scope and appropriateness of the research topic can be made.

Faculty Advisor Responsibilities:
• Must be in residence for the three terms that the thesis will be undertaken
• Should review this entire document to be familiar with expectations of IDS departmental honors students
• Should review the student’s 2-page preliminary outline before agreeing to advise the honors thesis
• It is highly encouraged that advisors meet weekly with the student during each term in order to give frequent feedback on progress towards the senior thesis. It is recommended that the faculty advisor require submission of preliminary drafts of the thesis several times throughout the Spring Quarter, and offer comments that will guide subsequent revisions.
• The grade for IDS 198A should be based on student’s effort on research, discussion, and planning of the honors thesis and the submission of a 10-15 page literature review. The grade for IDS 198B is to be “In Progress” but the student is expected to further the research and begin data collection and submit a 20-25 page draft or 15-20 page outline. The grade for IDS 198C should be based on the quality of the completed thesis itself.
• Unless otherwise indicated by the faculty advisor, students are asked to submit the final copy of their senior thesis by Friday of the 10th week of Spring Quarter.
• Intl Dv 198A, B and C are not designed to give credit to students acting as research assistants on faculty projects.

Name of Faculty Advisor                                  Faculty Advisor’s Home Department

Faculty Advisor’s Signature*                             Date

*By signing above, you agree to abide by the faculty advisor responsibilities, as outlined above.