General Program Information:
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 a three-quarter, directed-study series of courses (IDS 198A, 198B, & 198C) culminating in an honors thesis.

Prerequisites:
- Completion of IDS 110 and IDS M120, or 110 and 130, or M120 and 130
- GPA for all Upper Division coursework for the IDS major must be at least 3.50
- Must secure a Faculty Advisor prior to Fall quarter of senior year

Departmental Honors Course Descriptions:
- **IDS 198A, 4 units/Letter Grade** is to be devoted to discussion and planning of the honors thesis. This should culminate in a 10-15 page literature review. IDS 198A may count as an elective for the major (Part 4), either as a regional or thematic elective or for research methods as decided by the Chair of IDS.

- **IDS 198B, IP Grade** is used for further literature review, as well as research investigation and data collection. This should culminate in a 12-15 page outline of the thesis, including a brief introduction, major arguments, and discussion of the evidence or data.

- **IDS 198C, 8 units/Letter Grade** should culminate in a completed and submitted thesis (units from 198B & 198C combined). Note that students receive credit and grading for the second (IDS 198B) and third (IDS 198C) quarters only when the thesis is submitted.

Requirements to Enroll in Departmental Honors Courses/Expectations:

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The last day to submit a final copy of the thesis to your faculty advisor during the third quarter of research (IDS 198C), is Friday of 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.
### Timeline:

**Junior Spring/Summer Following Junior Year**

| TOPIC: | - Select research topic and develop preliminary proposal  
- Discuss proposal with IDS Counselor |
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| ADVISOR: | - Identify and contact potential faculty advisors whose research interests match your own  
- Secure a Faculty Advisor (must be in residence at UCLA for Academic Year) and have him/her sign application and course contract for IDS 198A. |
| DELIVERABLE: | - Draft a 2-page preliminary outline of the topic that is expected to be covered |
| ENROLL: | - Submit completed application, signed course contract, and 2 page preliminary outline to enroll in IDS198A in Fall to IDS Advising Office at least 2 weeks prior to Fall quarter. |

**Senior Fall**

| ADVISOR: | - Meet with faculty advisor weekly to refine research and review progress |
| DELIVERABLE: | - Develop Literature Review of thesis (10-15 pages including brief introduction, major arguments and discussion of evidence/data) |
| ENROLL: | - Submit Literature Review AND signed Course Contract to enroll in IDS 198B to Advising Office no later than Monday of Week 1 of Winter. |
| STUDENT PROFILE: | - Create UCLA International Institute Student Profile |

**Senior Winter**

| ADVISOR: | - Meet with faculty advisor weekly to refine research, review progress and complete outline |
| DELIVERABLE: | - Develop a 12-15 pages outline (including brief introduction, major arguments and discussion of evidence/data) |
| ENROLL: | - Submit outline of thesis AND signed Course Contract to enroll in IDS 198C to Advising Office no later than end of Monday Week 1 of Spring. |

**Senior Spring**

| ADVISOR: | - Continue working with the Faculty Advisor to complete thesis |
| DELIVERABLE: | - Submit senior thesis (40-60 pages) to Faculty Advisor for grading of text excluding title page, bibliography, appendices etc.) by Friday of Week 10 (confirm deadline with Faculty Advisor) |
| PRESENT: | - Present on your thesis at the End of The Year Recognition of Scholarship and Service Event |
| STUDENT PROFILE: | - Update International Institute Student Profile and post thesis |

**How to Enroll:**

You must create contracts through MyUCLA by following instructions below:

1. Log into MyUCLA
2. Select the Contract Courses link located under the “Classes” tab
3. Select “Submit a new contract”
4. Select term (e.g 17F for 2017 Fall)
5. Select “Honors Research 198”
6. Select “International Development Studies”
7. From there, you’ll be directed to fill out an online form for IDS 198A (Fall), IDS 198B(Winter) and IDS 198C(Spring)
8. Search for your Faculty Mentor by last name (their home department will show up next to their name)
9. For the course description field, briefly and clearly describe the international development topic you will focus on for your thesis.
10. For the tangible evidence, state that you will submit a:
   a. 10-15 page literature review (IDS 198A in Fall)
   b. 12-15 page outline of the thesis (IDS 198B in Winter)
   c. 40-60 page thesis (IDS 198C in Spring)
11. Print out contract and have your faculty mentor sign it
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 Contract Course form (available from MyUCLA).
- Last, you must meet with an IDS Academic Counselor (bring all three documents) two weeks prior to 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:
- Faculty advisors must be in residence for the three terms that the thesis will be undertaken.
- Faculty advisors should review this entire document to be familiar with expectations of IDS dept. honors students.
- Please review the student’s 2-page preliminary outline before agreeing to advise the honors thesis.
- Intl Dv 198A, B and C are not designed to give credit to students acting as research assistants on faculty projects.
- 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 12-15 page outline. The grade for IDS 198C should be based on the quality of the 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.

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, outlined in the accompanying information sheet.

Progress on the IDS Honors Thesis (To be filled out by the Academic Counselor):

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