INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
DEPARTMENTAL HONORS PROGRAM

General Program Information:

The International Development Studies Departmental Honors Program was created to offer highly motivated students the opportunity to design and conduct their own independent research under the guidance of a faculty advisor. The honors program consists of a three-quarter, directed-study series of courses (Directed Study for Honors: IDS 198A, 198B, & 198C) culminating in an honors thesis.

Throughout the three quarters, students will work closely with their faculty advisor who will guide them through the various phases of the student's research. At the end of the third quarter, students will submit a thesis to their faculty advisor for final review. Note that the thesis is intended to be quite substantial in its scholarship—between 40 to 60 pages of text in length (not including title page, bibliography, appendices, etc.).

Departmental Honors or Departmental Highest Honors designation on the transcript and diploma will be awarded upon successful completion of the program.

Course Descriptions:

- **IDS 198A** is to be devoted to discussion and planning of the honors thesis, as well as a literature review, and will carry four units of credit and is to be taken for a letter grade. 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 as decided by the Chair of IDS.

- **IDS 198B** is used for further literature review, as well as research investigation and data collection, culminating in a 12-15 page outline of the thesis, including a brief introduction, major arguments, and discussion of the evidence or data. This course will be graded as “In Progress” only.

- **IDS 198C**, which culminates in a submitted thesis, is to be taken for a letter grade and carries eight (8.0) units of credit (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 completed and submitted. IDS 198B and 198C constitute work over and above the regular requirements for the International Development Studies major, and thus do not count towards any requirements for the IDS major. The units will go towards overall units for the degree, however.

Prerequisites:

To participate in the International Development Studies Honors Program, students must have fulfilled the following prerequisites:

- Completion of IDS 100A and IDS M100B, or 100A and 150, or M100B and 150
- GPA for all Upper Division coursework for the IDS major must be at least 3.50
- Have secured a Faculty Advisor

Procedures for Participation:

Once you have your own research project in mind, you must then obtain a faculty advisor who will be able to give you weekly feedback on your honors thesis. The faculty advisor can be selected from the IDS Faculty Roster (select the “Faculty” link from the IDS homepage, [http://international.ucla.edu/idps/ids](http://international.ucla.edu/idps/ids)). Other faculty members across campus may be suitable, as long as they are willing to support your research interests. In general, investigate which professors are involved in research areas similar to your interests. Another good place to look is the UCLA Faculty Research Interests page, [http://www.research.ucla.edu/faculty/](http://www.research.ucla.edu/faculty/) or the faculty member’s own web page.

After you have narrowed down which faculty members to approach, be sure to write up a 2-page preliminary outline of your research proposal so that you can present it to potential advisors. If they agree to be the Faculty Advisor for your honors
thesis, have them sign the Departmental Honors Program Application form (see last page), thereby committing to guiding your research for three quarters.

The next step is to log into MyUCLA and select the Contract Courses link. From there, you'll be directed to fill out an online form for IDS 198A. Print it out and have your faculty sponsor sign it as well. Once you have it signed (there is no need to obtain the Chair's signature), submit the form to 10357 Bunche as soon as possible, along with a 2-page preliminary outline of your research topic, and application form. Be sure to give your Faculty Advisor a copy of the 2-page preliminary outline of your research topic, a copy of this entire document, and a copy of the Contract Courses printout for his/her records.

Make an appointment with the Academic Counselor in the Office of Academic Advising, 10357 Bunche Hall, to turn in the completed application form for approval, along with the 2-page outline, and Contract Course form. Do this well before the quarter you want to enroll in any IDS Departmental Honors course to better ensure that the course can be set up before normal enrollment deadlines. Students who attempt to submit their initial application, or requirements for subsequent courses, once the quarter begins may have to petition for a late add of the course through the College of Letters & Science, and pay any associated late fee.

At the time when you wish to enroll in the IDS 198A, your status in regards to the pre-requisites will be reviewed by the IDS Academic Counselor. Enrollment in subsequent quarters (IDS 198B and 198C) depends on demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the IDS Honors Thesis.

- Before enrollment in **IDS 198A** is allowed: students will be required to submit a 2-page preliminary outline of the topic that is expected to be covered, along with a completed application form and printout of Contract Courses form (available from MyUCLA) to the Office of Academic Advising, 10357 Bunche Hall.

- Before enrollment in **IDS 198B** is allowed: students will need to submit to their faculty advisor and the Office of Academic Advising a 10-15 page literature review.

- Before enrollment in **IDS 198C** is allowed: students will need to submit to their faculty advisor and the Office of Academic Advising a 12-15 page outline of the thesis.

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. Be sure to include a signature page (sample is included below) designating Honors or Highest Honors. Once signed off, you must then submit the copy to the Office of Academic Advising, 10357 Bunche.

**Faculty Advisor Responsibilities:**

Please review the student’s 2-page preliminary outline before agreeing to advise the honors thesis. Note that one expectation for the faculty advisor is to meet weekly with the student during the regular term. The grade for the 1st quarter (IDS 198A) should be based on the preparation work the student has put in (research, discussion, and planning of the honors thesis), including the submission of a 10-15 page literature review. The grade for the 2nd quarter of the course (IDS 198B) is to be “In Progress” but the student is expected to further the research investigation and begin data collection, including the submission of a 12-15 page outline of the thesis. The grade for the final quarter of the course (IDS 198C) shall be based on the strength of the thesis itself. The faculty advisor will specify the work that will be involved for credit and the date the final version of the research paper should be submitted to him or her. The faculty advisor will then be able to assign a final grade based on the quality of the honors thesis.

Faculty advisors should be in residence for the three terms the thesis will be undertaken and should not be on sabbatical at this time. Also, the duties of the faculty advisor should not be split between different people, that is, the same person should advise the student through the three terms.

Faculty advisors should also be familiar with what is expected of students who participate in the IDS Departmental Honors Program by reviewing this entire document.
Honors Distinction:

In order to graduate with **Departmental Honors** in the International Development Studies major, the student must:

- Be graduating with an overall GPA of 3.00
- Complete all requirements for the IDS major, with a minimum GPA of **3.50** in upper division major coursework
- Complete the IDS Honors Program courses (IDS 198 A-B-C) and submit a copy of the thesis to the Office of Academic Advising, 10357 Bunche Hall

Highest Honors Distinction:

The International Development Studies program may award the **Departmental Highest Honors** distinction to a student upon completion of the following requirements:

- Be graduating with an overall GPA of 3.00
- Complete all requirements for the IDS major, with a minimum GPA of **3.75** in upper division major coursework
- Complete the IDS Honors Program courses (IDS 198 A-B-C) and submit a copy of the thesis to the Office of Academic Advising, 10357 Bunche
- Produce an IDS Honors Thesis that is deemed “exceptional”. The thesis must be approved & signed by a committee of three faculty members (all of whom must agree to the thesis being of exceptional quality), which must include the faculty sponsor and the Chair of the IDS Program. The third member, recruited by the student, should come from a different discipline from the other two committee members.
SAMPLE SIGNATURE PAGE
(spacing is condensed for illustrative purposes)

For Departmental Honors, the signature page should appear as follows:

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Los Angeles

Global Conquest to Eradicate River Blindness as a Paradigm for Public-Private Partnerships

By

Joe Bruin

A thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the International Development Studies Departmental Honors Program,
Honors Designation

June 2004

The IDS departmental honors thesis of Josephine Bruin is approved.

_________________________________
Kate Doe, Faculty Advisor

For Departmental Highest Honors, the signature page should appear as follows:

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Los Angeles

Alternative Trading Organizations, Rural Cooperatives, and Fair Trade: Sustaining Rural Livelihoods in Global Commodity Markets

By

Joseph Bruin

A thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the International Development Studies Departmental Honors Program,
Highest Honors Designation

June 2004

The IDS departmental honors thesis of Josephine Bruin is deemed of exceptional quality and is worthy of Highest Honors designation.

_________________________________
Archie Poe, Chair of International Development Studies

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Kate Doe, Faculty Advisor & Committee Chair

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Dennis Moe, Committee Member
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
DEPARTMENTAL HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Last Name, First Name ________________________

UCLA ID # ________________________

E-mail ________________________

Date ________________________

In order to apply for the Interdepartmental Development Studies Departmental Honors Program, students must meet all prerequisites listed on the accompanying information sheet.

Please fill out this application and attach a 2-page preliminary outline of your research topic along with a printout of the Contract Courses form (available from MyUCLA). Then, make an appointment with the Academic Counselor (bringing all three documents) in order to take the next step to officially enroll in IDS 198A.

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 International Development Studies Departmental Honors Thesis

To be filled out by the Academic Counselor:

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Awarding of International Development Studies Departmental Honors

The signature page for the thesis will need to be signed by the designated faculty advisor to ensure satisfactory completion of the IDS Honors Thesis.

☐ All requirements for IDS Departmental Honors have been met.

☐ IDS Departmental Honors has been designated and is recorded in this student’s record.

Awarding of International Development Studies Departmental Highest Honors

If Highest Honors is to be obtained, the Chair and third committee member must also sign the signature page, deeming the thesis “exceptional quality”. The signature page for the thesis will need to be signed by the designated 3-person committee to ensure satisfactory completion of the IDS Honors Thesis.

☐ All requirements for IDS Departmental Highest Honors have been met.

☐ IDS Departmental Highest Honors has been designated and is recorded in this student’s record.