International and Area Studies Departmental Honors Program

General Program Information:

The International and Area Studies Departmental Honors Program 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 three-quarters of directed-study courses (I A STD 198A, 198B, & 198C), culminating in an honors thesis.

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

Eligibility:

- Completion of all lower preparation courses for the major with a 3.5 GPA
- A 3.5 GPA in all upper division coursework for the major
- Secure a Faculty Advisor to supervise their Honors Thesis by Fall Quarter
- Formally Submit an application to the program

*Students are encouraged to apply in the Spring of their Junior year to begin their thesis in the Fall. In some cases, students may begin their thesis mid-year.

Course Descriptions:

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<th>Honors Course:</th>
<th>Enrollment Pre-Reqs:</th>
<th>Course Description:</th>
<th>End-of-quarter Outcome:</th>
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<tr>
<td>I A STD 198A</td>
<td>§ Application Form&lt;br&gt;§ 2 Page Preliminary Outline&lt;br&gt;§ Signed copy of 198A Contract Course</td>
<td>Devoted to discussion and planning of the honors thesis, as well as a literature review.</td>
<td>10-15 page Literature Review</td>
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<td>I A STD 198B</td>
<td>§ Completion of 198A&lt;br&gt;§ Signed copy of 198B Contract Course</td>
<td>Used for further literature review, research investigation, and data collection. Outline should include a brief introduction, major arguments, and discussion of the evidence/data.</td>
<td>12-15 page outline of the thesis 15-20 page outline of thesis</td>
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<td>I A STD 198C</td>
<td>§ Completion of 198B&lt;br&gt;§ Signed copy of 198C Contract Course</td>
<td>Culminates in a submitted thesis.</td>
<td>35-50 page thesis</td>
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Thesis Due: **Friday of Week 10** (unless otherwise specified by your advisor)
Honors & Highest Honors Distinctions:
In addition to completing the thesis, for Departmental Honors program, the student must have:
- A Cumulative 3.5 GPA for all upper division coursework for the major
- Successful completion of I A STD 198A-B-C
- A 35-50 page thesis paper determined to be of honors quality by the Chair of I A STD and the Faculty Advisor

For Departmental Highest Honors, the student must have:
- A Cumulative 3.75 GPA for all upper division coursework for the major
- Successful completion of I A STD 198A-B-C
- A 35-50 page thesis paper determined to be of highest honors quality by the Chair of I A STD and the Faculty Advisor

Awards of Departmental Honors and Departmental Highest Honors will be notated on the final transcript and diploma with successful completion of the program.

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!