

Honours Program Application

The Honours program is intended to give students advanced knowledge in Political Science. Students complete 60 upper division units for the Honours degree, which provides a broad background in the field, as well as the chance to concentrate on one specific area of interest.

The small class sizes in upper-division seminars mean that Honours students develop personal relationships with professors and classmates. In their final year, Honours students complete a 5-unit Honours Essay, working closely with a Faculty supervisor to complete a research project. For many students, the chance to choose a topic of personal interest, design a reading list and research plan, and write the essay with close consultation of their supervisor make the Honours Essay the highlight of their undergraduate career.

Eligibility

- Your CGPA is at least 3.0.
- Your UDGPA is at least 3.33.
- You have completed at least 75 units, and are within three (3) terms of completing your degree.

Honours Degree Requirements

- 120 units total – 60 Upper Division units total
- 48 Upper Division POL units, including POL 499-5 Honours Essay and POL 490-5 Honours Seminar. An additional 8 of these 48 units must be at the 400-level (see calendar for details).

Application Checklist

- Complete the Honours Application form (on the flip side of this page).
- Identify two potential faculty members to supervise your Honours Essay.
- Attach your SFU Advising Transcript.
- Complete a 250-word statement of interest.
- Submit a writing sample.
- Return the completed form and related paper work to the Undergraduate Advisor.



Honours Application Form

Student Name: _____

Student Number: _____ Email: _____

Graduation date: _____

Units Completed: _____

UDGPA: _____ CGPA: _____

Preferred Supervisor(s):

Please identify up to two Political Science faculty members who you think would be good fits to supervise your Honours Essay and indicate whether or not you have contacted them about supervision.

Faculty Member:

1. _____ Contacted? Y N

2. _____ Contacted? Y N

Note: Students are not required to have an Honours supervisor before being admitted into the Capstone Program. A supervisor, however, is required for completing the Honours Essay and degree. It is important, therefore, that students have thought about which faculty member(s) would be a good fit to supervise them, given their research interests.

Additional Documents Required:

1. SFU advising transcript
2. 250-word statement of interest that outlines a general “field of inquiry” or area of concentration and career plans
3. A writing sample in English or French (typically a course paper)

Please email this form, along with the additional documents to the Undergraduate Advisor (poladv@sfu.ca) by **May 31**. Admission decisions will be made by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the Honours Program instructors. Students will be notified in June.