

POLI Honours Program Q & A

1) When do I apply?

- a) Start thinking about the Honours after completing your 1000, and 2000-level POLI courses; typically, you will apply to the program in the *year before* your final year (i.e., the year before you plan to graduate).

2) What do I need / have to do to apply?

- a) You need a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.33 (normally), in both POLI and non-POLI courses.
- b) You need to complete an Honour's application (to pick up & submit applications go to the Registrar's Office).
- c) You need to meet & discuss program options with the Chair, & receive final approval from the Department.
- d) You are prepared to register for 30 credit hours in your final Honours year.

3) What makes me Honours "material"?

- a) Successful Honours students are self-starters, who are able to work independently, think critically, and have the drive and determination to complete a major piece of research & writing in a tight time frame.
- b) Most Honours students are considering further studies, beyond their undergraduate degree.

4) What do I need to complete the Honours program?

- a) A minimum of 60 POLI credit hours. These must include three (3) credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science, POLI 2304 Canadian Politics in the 21st Century, POLI 2335 History of Political Thought, POLI 2381 Comparative Politics I: Political Regimes and Government Institutions, POLI 2383 International Relations I: Actors, Structures, Processes and also the following:
 - i) Honours Colloquium, POLI 4520 (3 Credit Hours), fall term
Each year, a different professor in the Department organizes a series of practical, task-oriented workshops & seminars that cover the basics of conducting advanced research and applying for grants/awards. To introduce you to the different forms of political analysis, the Colloquium also features guest speakers from in & outside the Department who showcase their work in their respective political fields.
 - ii) Honours Seminar, POLI 4510 (3 Credit Hours), winter term
The Honours Seminar is taught by a different professor in the Department each year, normally by the same professor who runs the Colloquium. The Honours Seminar reflects advanced studies in that professor's areas of expertise.
 - iii) Honours Thesis, POLI 4500 (6 Credit Hours), full year
Working with your thesis supervisor, you will plan, research and write a 10,000 word Honours thesis.
 - iv) Successfully meet the above requirements with grade point average of 3.33.

5) What are my deadlines?

- a) To apply to the program: normally, during the year prior to graduating.
- b) To complete the thesis: March 15.