

Department of Political Science  
Wright State University  
Honors Program

The Department of Political Science was among the first academic departments at Wright State University to establish an honors program for its major students. Since then, faculty in the department have cooperated with the Wright State University Honors Program to broaden the scope of opportunity for participation and provide University recognition for students with superior academic records.

The department faculty believe that all students deserve the opportunity to achieve the highest possible level of intellectual attainment. Students who demonstrate the capacity to do this should have the added stimulus of academic programs constructed to meet the special needs of those who consistently achieve academic records above the norm. For these reasons, the Department of Political Science will continue to support both its own program of recognition for outstanding major students and the effort of the University Honors Program to strengthen and extend honors programs throughout the University.

I. Eligibility

A student major must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 cumulative and 3.5 in the major and be a senior at the time of participation in the program. Students will also submit an Honors project (20 page minimum) from a 4000-level PLS course that earned a minimum grade of A or B. The project may be written as an assignment for the class or the student may produce the project as an independent study.

## II. Application

Formal application to the department chair should be made after the student has earned a total of 90 credit hours. Students should obtain a copy of the application form from the PLS department or website and all the necessary signatures.

## III. Credit Hours and Grades for Honors Participation

Majors in political science may earn departmental honors by completing the following requirements:

1. Achieving a minimum GPA of 3.5 in all political science course work and a 3.0 in cumulative, overall course work,
2. Attaining senior standing,
3. Completing an Honors project (20 page minimum) associated with a 4000-level course in political science with a grade of A or B.

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