

Department of Political Science

Senior Honors Seminar Recommendation Form

Student Name: _____

Student PID: _____

STUDENT FILLS OUT

Please Initial ALL of the Following Three Items:

_____ I have reviewed the expectations and requirements of the Senior Honors Program.

_____ I have printed out an unofficial copy of my transcript* for review by the Faculty Advisor.

_____ I have answered the questions in the box on Page 2 of this document.

Students are strongly advised to reach out to eligible faculty members, as securing your own advisor may increase your probability of acceptance and improve your experience. As a last resort, you may apply without securing an advisor first. While we will do our best to guide students to appropriate and available thesis advisors, the expectation is that students will reach out directly to faculty with their thesis ideas to secure an advisor.

Please Initial ONE of the Following Two Items:

_____ I have secured a Faculty Advisor, who has reviewed my writing sample** and has filled out the Page 3 of this document. I will skip pages 4-5 below and will not upload a writing sample.

_____ I have NOT secured a Faculty Advisor. To be eligible for the Senior Honors Program, I must complete pages 4-5 of this document, and I must upload a writing sample.**

This signed form must be submitted through the Department Google Form by the due date noted on the Department Honors webpage:

<https://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/departamental-honors-and-pi-sigma-alpha/departamental-honors.html>

*On your Academic History, choose “sort by subject”. This will make the form easier to read, as it will print in order of subject versus quarterly.

** Writing sample does not necessarily need to be from a Political Science course. Examples of writing samples can include, but are not limited to: course papers, research projects, legal briefs, case study analysis, dataset analysis assignments, and policy analysis assignments.

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ALL STUDENTS FILL OUT

Provide a short statement (150-200 words) reflecting on the following questions:

- (1) How does your writing sample demonstrate your preparedness for writing a thesis?**
- (2) What skills would you like to improve by participating in the Senior Honors Program?**

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FACULTY ADVISOR FILLS OUT

Please Initial:

_____ I have reviewed the student's writing sample** (approximately 10 pages) and believe it to be appropriate for the level of work and research required for the Senior Honors Program.

_____ I have reviewed the student's unofficial transcript; based on previous courses taken and grades earned, I believe the student is academically prepared for the demands of the Senior Honors Program.

_____ I recommend this student for admission into, and I will advise this student during their participation in the Political Science Senior Honors Seminar.

Printed name of Political Science professor

Signature of Political Science professor

Date

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- 1) If you have not yet secured a faculty advisor, please indicate which faculty members you have reached out to *and when*, and briefly summarize responses.

- 2) Briefly explain your research interest(s) or a research question you hope to investigate in your thesis (approximately 150 – 200 words).

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(3) Please list any relevant upper-division coursework and/or research experience related to your research interest(s).

(4) Please list 2 – 4 eligible faculty advisors with similar research interests with whom you would be interested in working. Please note that although we will do our best to match students with an eligible advisor, in some cases this may not be possible.