Procedure for selection of students
Students with a 3.3 grade point average overall at the commencement of their seventh semester and a 3.5 average in political science courses are eligible to apply for admission (see form below) to the senior honors seminar (POLSCI 200H.02, .03). Upon request, the program director may recommend admission to the honors seminar of a student who lacks one or both requisite grade point averages. Students apply, but some low pressure recruiting among obvious candidates for the program may be done.

Expected product
A thesis, plus an oral defense, is required. Theses have ranged from about 80 pages to twice that length.

Evaluative body
A committee of three faculty members, including the honors director, the thesis director, and a third faculty member.

Evaluation procedure
The thesis is read by the committee, and the student then defends it in an oral exam of about one hour, conducted by the committee.

Levels of distinction
One level: Distinction. To receive honors, the thesis must merit a grade of at least A-. Failing that, the student will receive credit and a grade for the two courses, but not honors.

Special courses, other activities required, comments
Students participate in the honors seminar in the fall. During the spring the students essentially work independently with the thesis advisor and periodically gather as a seminar to report on their progress (POLSCI 200H.03).

See Also:
* Department of Political Science
* Graduation with Distinction
Application for Graduation with Distinction in Political Science

Name of Student: ___________________________ Graduation Date: ____________

Overall GPA at Duke: (3.3 minimum required) ________ Departmental GPA: (3.5 minimum required) ________

Title of Distinction Project: ____________________________________________________________

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Thesis Director: __________________________________________

Description of Distinction Project:

Signature of Thesis Director: ___________________________ Date ____________

Signature of DUS: ___________________________ Date ____________

Submission of Application: To the Director of Undergraduate Studies
Application Deadline: ________