Graduation with Distinction: Public Policy Studies (PUBPOL)

Procedure for selection of students
A GPA of at least 3.4 in a subset of PUBPOL courses (i.e., PUBPOL 55D, 114, 116, 128/equivalent) is required. The student chooses a faculty advisor from PUBPOL and must submit an application form with project title and central question to the DUS.

Expected product
A policy research paper between 40 and 75 pages with a 2-3 page executive summary is to be written. The paper should include a table of contents, complete footnotes, and a bibliography.

Evaluative body
The honors program director and the project advisor jointly review and evaluate the submitted thesis, though the honors program director determines the grade for purposes of honors.

Evaluation procedure
Student must complete the honors project and meet the required GPA. The student may enroll in the 2-semester honors seminar sequence to produce the honors project. A student may also take an independent study to transform a previous seminar paper/independent study paper that earned an A- or higher into an honors project.

Levels of distinction
Two levels: Distinction and Highest Distinction. For Distinction, a thesis grade of A- is required. A superior thesis, evidenced by the grade of A or A+, will be awarded Highest Distinction in PUBPOL.

Special courses, other activities required, comments
The honors seminar sequence is PUBPOL 198S (1 credit) and PUBPOL 199S (half credit). The seminar sequence begins in spring of the junior year.

See Also:
* Department of Public Policy
* Graduation with Distinction