

Texas A&M University Department of Political Science Honors Program in Political Science

REQUIRED COURSES FOR DEPARTMENTAL HONORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

A student desiring to earn Honors in Political Science is required to complete 18 hours of honors coursework as described below:

- Exactly 6 hours of 400-level directed research or capstone research with honors credit (481, 485, 491, 497) (no more than 6 will count towards departmental honors).
- 9 hours of additional departmental honors courses (can include lower-division honors courses, honors contract courses). No more than 6 of these credit hours may consist of Political Science graduate courses (600 level) taken for graduate credit.
- 3 additional hours of honors credit outside the department.

At graduation a student must have a cumulative Texas A&M GPR of at least 3.5 and cumulative Honors GPR of at least 3.25.

HONORS RECOGNITION AND GRADUATION WITH HONORS

All completed Honors coursework taken at Texas A&M University is designated as such on a student's official transcript, showing that the student has taken part in this enhanced curriculum. After graduation, the transcript will designate that the student has achieved the distinction of "Honors in Political Science."

ADMISSION TO HONORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Students seeking Departmental Honors in Political Science are required to maintain an Overall GPR of a 3.5 or higher and a cumulative honors GPR of at least a 3.25.

If a student falls below the required 3.5 Overall GPR, he/she will be placed on a one-time probation semester, though the Honors courses which the student registered for will not be dropped from their schedule. A student placed on probation will not receive Honors Priority Registration nor will the student be able to register for Honors courses on their own for the following term during their assigned registration period. If a student does not raise their Overall GPR to the required 3.5 or higher after one semester of probation, or if their Overall GPR falls below a 3.5 for a second time, this will be grounds for dismissal from the program. If a student is able to raise their Overall GPR to a 3.5 or higher, he/she will no longer be on probation.

A first-time incoming freshman will be placed on probation the second semester of their first year if they earn less than a 3.5 Overall GPR during their first semester at TAMU. The student would be required to raise their Overall GPR to the required 3.5 or higher by the end of their second semester to remain in the program.

Students are Honors-eligible as entering Freshmen if they graduated in the top 10% of their high school class and have an SAT of at least 1310 or a 28 on the ACT (minimum score of 27 each on verbal and math). Continuing students are Honors-eligible if they earn a cumulative GPR of 3.5 or better.

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