



Application for International Studies Honors Program

ACADEMIC BUILDING ONE, 3RD FLOOR, ROOMS 3307 & 3010

International Studies

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The International Studies program has designed the Honors program to single out exceptional students for special recognition at graduation. Qualifying students graduate with degrees of Latin praise. These degrees are *cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *summa cum laude*.

To qualify for an Honors degree students must:

- Have achieved a G.P.A. of at least 3.5 in their courses taken at CU
- Have already taken at least one course requiring a 15-page research paper
- Submit a research prospectus to a Honors supervisor from within the INTS faculty the semester before graduation
- Fill out the attached application form and return it to the INTS advisor at the beginning of the semester
- Demonstrate excellent work on the Honors project in a Directed Research course
- Submit a 10,000 word honors paper to a three-member faculty committee for evaluation.
- Attend an evaluation meeting with the committee to discuss the paper.
- Complete all requirements in or before the final week of the graduating semester.

*Please note that students who wish to have their honors noted in the program of the graduation ceremony must complete all of the requirements seven weeks before graduation.

Students will prepare their Honors paper under the supervision of a faculty member as part of a Directed Research course. This faculty member will serve as the student's principal advisor. The student must fill out an Honors contract (at the end of this form) with his or her supervisor and fulfill the requirements that are outlined in the contract. The paper should demonstrate the student's ability to design and carry out an original research project. The honors committee will examine the paper for evidence of the student's capacity to think originally, investigate creatively, and write well.

Plan ahead! The honors paper is not a term paper! The program expects the paper to be a polished, final article, not an interesting rough draft that you might finish up in the future. This means that students should begin this paper before your graduation semester. To encourage planning ahead, students must submit a research prospectus to their advisor the semester before the semester in which they intend to graduate. A prospectus is a short, simple document that states the research problem you will study and how you will do it, including a description of your topic and a preliminary list of sources that you plan to use. The prospectus is not a complete description of your finished project and we expect your sources to expand and your points of view may change as your research progresses.



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The purpose of the Directed Research course is to require students to dedicate a minimum of fifteen weeks to researching, writing and editing top quality, scholarly work. The paper should be about 10,000 words long (about 30 pages of text and footnotes in a standard format), the length of a standard academic article. Students are encouraged to include non-English sources in their paper to strengthen the international perspectives in the project. For citation and bibliography style, students should consult Kate Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*.

A committee of three faculty members from the International Studies program who are familiar with the student's course work will evaluate the Honors paper. The committee will schedule a meeting with the student to discuss the work as a final element of the evaluation process. The committee will vote on whether the student deserves Latin praise and, if so, the level of that praise. The decision will be made by majority vote.

The faculty committee, in consultation with the Director of the International Studies Program, will determine the level of Latin praise based on the student's course work and the quality of the paper. Students with a G.P.A. of 3.5 in the major are eligible for *cum laude* honors, those with 3.7 in their major are eligible for *magna cum laude*, and those with 3.9 for *summa cum laude*. Students should note that a given G.P.A. does not guarantee Latin praise. Likewise the successful completion of the Honors Research Paper is only one of the requirements necessary to receive honors and it does not obligate the department to grant a student Latin praise. For example, the honors committee may decide that a student with a 3.7 G.P.A. does not merit honors or only merits *cum laude* based on the student's paper.



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Name _____

Student ID# _____

Supervisor _____

Date _____

Working Title of Honors Project: _____

Honors Committee Members:

Students should form a committee of faculty members from multiple departments to support the vision of International Studies as an interdisciplinary major.

In addition to the supervisor listed above, I have taken classes from the following International Studies faculty members. (Two professors from this list will participate in your Honors evaluation committee). You have an obligation to discuss your project with all the members of the honors committee at the earliest possible date.

Professor

Department

Professor

Department

Professor

Department

Project Deadlines:

When do you plan to graduate? ____/____/____

Have you submitted a research prospectus? _____, if not when do you plan to do so? ____/____/____

Proposed date to submit a draft of the paper to the faculty supervisor: ____/____/____

Proposed date to submit final version of the paper to the committee: ____/____/____

Please return to the International Studies Advisor