

Interschool Honors Program in International Security Studies 2010-2011

The CISAC Honors Program aims to provide an opportunity for eligible students focusing on international security subjects in *any* university department to earn Honors in International Security Studies. CISAC seeks a diverse group of undergraduate majors for the program and has a goal of admitting no more than two undergraduates each year from any one department or interdisciplinary program. Upon fulfilling individual department course requirements and completing the Honors Program, the student will graduate in his/her major with a certificate of Honors in International Security Studies. Students will be admitted to the program on a competitive basis.

Students can earn up to 5 units of Honors Directed Reading for each quarter that they participate in the Honors core. Assuming that students would participate in the core seminar for three quarters, a maximum of 15 units of Honors Directed Reading could be earned in the program. A minimum of 9 units is required. The units will be rewarded for the successful completion and acceptance of the Honors thesis. The Interschool Faculty Committee for the program will certify the thesis.

Eligibility and Program Requirements

*Deadline for all materials in the CISAC office: **February 20, 2010***

- Students must be able to fulfill all course requirements in their individual departments by the time they graduate, in addition to the units required for the Honors seminar series. Students may be enrolled in these required courses during their senior year, and can take one or more courses concurrently with the required Honors seminar.
- Successful candidates must demonstrate sufficient depth and breadth of international security course work. Applicants will be expected to have completed:

MS&E 195/PS 114S *International Security in a Changing World*

and

MS&E 193/PS 114R *Technology in National Security*

and at least one related course, such as:

STS 110 *Ethics and Public Policy*

Sociology 160 *Formal Organizations*

Sociology 166 *Organizations and Public Policy*

PS 110B *Strategy, War, and Politics*

PS 110D *War and Peace in American Foreign Policy*

PS 114T *Major Issues in International Conflict Management*

PS 123 *Politics and Public Policy*

Economics 150 *Economic Policy Analysis*

- Students who apply to the program without having taken the required courses will, if admitted, be required to complete the courses before graduation.
- Applicants must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 at the time they apply, and must maintain this GPA throughout the program.
- A **letter of recommendation** by a Stanford faculty member or teaching assistant with whom he or she has worked closely.
- A signed **honors consultation form** from a Stanford faculty member. This should be from a faculty member whose research interests are close to those of the student, and who is a likely candidate to be the student's primary thesis advisor. This may or may not be the same faculty member who wrote the recommendation.
- Students must be able to complete a one-quarter internship with a governmental office, international organization, or non-governmental organization directly involved in international security policy. Internships served before or during junior year, including during Stanford-in-Washington, may, by approval of the program director, count towards the internship requirement. For those who have not served an internship before admission into the program, CISAC will assist in placing students and offer a small stipend for living expenses if needed.
- Students must be able to attend the CISAC Honors College in Washington, DC and at Stanford University tentatively scheduled for September 2-18, 2010.



Honors Program Application Form

Deadline for materials due
in our office:
February 20, 2010

Candidate Information

Name SU ID#

Class Year, Major/Minor

Stanford Address

Telephone Number E-mail Address

Summer Address

Date of Birth Social Security #

Citizenship Gender

Application Materials

- completed application form
- completed relevant course form
- signed honors consultation form
- official transcript
- letter of recommendation by Stanford University faculty member or TA
- statement describing why CISAC honors program is important to your academic and career goals (no more than one page)
- statement describing tentative thesis topic. *Although we do not expect a fully developed research proposal, we seek demonstrated evidence of your research interests and that you have begun to think hard about your topic.* (no more than one page)
- current résumé

Only complete applications will move forward for consideration. We regret that we are unable to return any part of the application.

Please direct applications and inquiries to:

Honors Program Associate
 Center for International Security and Cooperation
 Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies
 Encina Hall, Second Floor, E200
 Tel (650) 725.8641
 Email kchadwick@stanford.edu

Relevant Course Form

1). Please indicate the required courses that you have taken and note the date. Alternatively, if you plan on taking the course next year, indicate so.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Quarter completed</u>
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MS&E 195

or

PS 114S

MS&E 193

or

PS 114R

2). Please indicate if you have completed any of the following recommended courses.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Quarter completed</u>
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STS 110

Sociology 160

Sociology 166

PS 110B

PS 110D

PS 114T

PS 123

Economics 150

3). Please list any other courses that you believe may be relevant to your focus in international security studies.



Honors Consultation Form

Dear Faculty Member:

The Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) Honors Program in International Security Studies provides undergraduates from any university department or program the opportunity to conduct honors research in international security studies.

For admissions to the program, we require that applicants meet with a prospective honors advisor about the student's interest in and commitment to writing a senior honors thesis in security studies. By signing this form, you attest that you have met with _____ and discussed his/her tentative thesis topic, _____.

Faculty comments (optional):

Based on your conversation with applicant:

- Are you willing to work with the student to develop his/her thesis proposal?
Yes _____
No _____
- Are you potentially willing to be his/her thesis advisor?
Yes _____
No _____

Name: _____

Department: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____