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Political Science, Honors Program



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Admission Requirements

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To be admitted into the Political Science Honors Program, a student must:

1. Complete POLS 2220 with a grade of A
2. Have an overall GPA at UNC Charlotte of at least 3.25
3. Have a GPA of at least 3.5 in all Political Science classes taken at UNC Charlotte

Students may seek admission to the Political Science Honors Program upon fulfilling these requirements.

Course Requirements

The Political Science Honors Program consists of a two-course sequence:

1. POLS 3700 in which the student does a literature review and develops a research design
2. POLS 4700 in which the student completes the research and finalizes the thesis. The student must do an oral defense of the thesis in front of a committee that includes the topic advisor and two other faculty members.

Progression Requirements

To be awarded honors in Political Science, a student must:

- Complete the Honors Thesis (POLS 4700) with a grade of A, including certification by the student's honors committee that the thesis is of honors quality and deserves that grade.
- Earn a minimum GPA of 3.5 in Political Science courses
- Earn a minimum overall GPA of 3.25 at UNC Charlotte
- Complete the Application to Candidacy process for graduating with honors, as directed by the Honors College

Following successful completion of these requirements, the honors notation will appear on the student's official transcript.



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