
INTERSCHOOL HONORS PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES

Application Instructions for the 2016-2017 Academic Year

The Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) Honors seeks a diverse group of undergraduates from **all** majors and departments who are interested in focusing on international security topics. Upon fulfilling individual department course requirements and completing the CISAC Honors Program, the student will graduate in his/her major with Honors in International Security Studies. *Students are admitted to the program on a competitive basis.*

Students will earn 3 to 5 units of credit each academic quarter through successful completion of the Honors seminar (IIS 199: Interschool Honors Program in International Security Studies), a key component of the program. Therefore, a maximum of 15 units can be earned in the program, assuming that the student participates in IIS 199 during all three required academic quarters. The units will be rewarded upon the successful completion and acceptance of the Honors thesis.

ELIGIBILITY AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Deadline for submission of all application materials to CISAC: February 15, 2016.

Students must:

1. Be able to fulfill all course requirements in their individual departments by the time of graduation, in addition to the units required for the Honors seminar series (**3-5 units/quarter**).
2. Demonstrate sufficient depth and breadth of international security coursework.
3. Have completed **the two required courses and at least one related course**. Those who apply without having taken the required courses will, if admitted, be required to complete the courses before graduation. If need be, 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. Please see the Relevant Course Form for a list of suggested courses.
4. Have a minimum **grade point average (GPA) of 3.3** at the time of application, which must be maintained throughout the program.
5. Provide a **letter of recommendation** written by a Stanford faculty member or teaching assistant with whom the student has worked closely.
6. Submit a signed **Honors Consultation Form** from a Stanford faculty member, whose research interests are closely aligned with those of the student and who is a likely candidate

to serve as the student's primary thesis adviser. This may or may not be the same faculty member who writes the recommendation letter.

7. Complete a **one-quarter internship** with a governmental office, international organization, or non-governmental organization directly involved in international security policy. Internships may be completed before or during junior year, including during Stanford-in-Washington; and 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 with placement and may offer a small stipend for living expenses, if need is demonstrated.
8. Be on campus all three quarters of their senior year.
9. Be able to attend the **CISAC Honors College in Washington, D.C.** and at Stanford, tentatively scheduled for September 11-23, 2016. The CISAC Honors College is associated with the Bing Honors College and is free of charge for all students enrolled in the program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CISAC HONORS PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT:

http://cisac.fsi.stanford.edu/docs/undergraduate_honors_program.

APPLICATION MATERIALS*

- **Completed Application Form**, including:
 - Relevant Course Form
 - Statement of Intent describing why the CISAC Honors Program is important to your academic and career goals (one page maximum)
 - Statement describing your Tentative Thesis Topic (one page maximum)

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 about your topic.

- **Current Résumé**

- **Official Transcript**

Please request an e-transcript from the [Stanford Registrar's Office](#).

- **Signed Honors Consultation Form**

- **Letter of Recommendation** by Stanford University faculty member or TA

Please give the [Letter of Recommendation cover page](#) to the person recommending you and request that it and the letter be sent directly to sspeer@stanford.edu.

* Only **complete** applications will be considered. We regret that we are unable to return any part of the application.

PLEASE DIRECT ALL APPLICATIONS AND INQUIRIES TO:

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SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

By email, with all documents in PDF format: sspeer@stanford.edu

[Preferable method: in a single file if possible]

OR

In hard copy: Shelby Speer, CISAC, Encina Hall, 2nd Floor, C206-10