

Department of Political Science
Senior Honors Thesis Application Form
2009-2010

Student's Name: _____

Banner ID: _____

Box: _____

Proposed Thesis Title: _____

Thesis Advisor: _____ **Signature:** _____

Second Reader: _____ **Signature:** _____

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Please print this form and attach it to the front of your honors thesis application. A **HARD COPY** must be submitted by **April 3rd at 3 PM** to:

Jennifer Lawless
Department of Political Science
36 Prospect Street
Box 1844

If you are currently studying abroad, then you must still submit a hard copy by April 3rd. Be sure to allot yourself the time necessary to assemble and mail the required materials.

In completing the application, please attach the following materials to this cover sheet:

- A copy of your most recent Brown University transcript (**MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT**). This does not have to be a formal transcript; it can be an internal transcript that you access through Banner or the Registrar's office.
- One writing sample from a political science course taken at Brown; the writing sample should demonstrate your ability to undertake independent research.
- The project proposal. This should be a 1 – 2 page typed (and polished) description of the honors thesis project you wish to pursue. In preparing the proposal, you must answer the following questions: (1) What is the basic question or research area? (2) Why is this an important topic? (3) What relationship does this project have to your course background in political science at Brown?
- Signatures of your thesis advisor and a second reader (at the top of this sheet). Please contact the advisor and reader with whom you would like to work and ask them to sign below indicating their willingness to work on the project. If you cannot obtain physical signatures (either because you are abroad or the advisor is currently on leave), then the advisor and second reader can send an email to jennifer_lawless@brown.edu, indicating that they will supervise the project. These emails must be sent directly to Professor Lawless.