

Writing a Senior Thesis and Receiving Honors

Students seeking to write a senior thesis in Public Policy should apply in the spring term of their junior year. To be eligible, a student must have completed at least six courses in the concentration on a graded basis by the end of junior year; three of these courses must be PS100, PS 1600 (or equivalent), and PS 1200 (or ED 1160). Students who wish to write qualitative theses are advised to take PS 500 or ED 1100 prior to their senior year in order to help them prepare for their research. Applications are **due at the Center by 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2008** and may be placed in Professor Clifton's box. The application may be found online at the Center's homepage or at the back of this guide.

Concentrators who meet the aforementioned guidelines and have outstanding academic records in public policy course work (generally an intra-concentration GPA of 3.3 or above) will be given serious consideration. Those approved to write a senior thesis enroll in the two-semester Public Policy Colloquium (fall term: PP 1990; spring term: PP 1991) and prepare theses that examine some aspect of public policy, including but not limited to a program evaluation, a feasibility study, or examination of an institution that affects policy. Candidates who write senior theses of distinguished quality are recommended for "Honors," which is conferred by the department at the time of graduation from Brown.

Following the above application guidelines, **mid-year students** who intend to fulfill their graduation requirements in December should apply for honors before the pre-registration period in the fall semester (their sixth semester). These students will begin the colloquium (PP 1991) in the spring term (their seventh semester) and finish it (PP 1990) in their last semester at Brown.