GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT HONORS PROGRAM

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THESIS PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Use the following questions to guide your thesis proposal. We suggest that you use them as subheadings in your proposal. The proposal should be approximately seven pages long (not including the annotated bibliography).

1. What is your research topic?

2. And more specifically, what is the question you will examine?

3. Why is it important and interesting?

4. What is your (preliminary) answer to the question? Or interpretation of the text?

5. What are the competing answers/interpretations?


7. What resources are available to you at Dartmouth that will help you in collecting your evidence?

8. Enclose a preliminary annotated bibliography (10-15 sources). An annotated bibliography includes a description in three to four sentences of the main findings of each reference and how it relates to your research.
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PREREQUISITES AND APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Determine that you have successfully completed six Government courses, including at least one introductory course, at least two upper-level courses, and at least one advanced seminar before the end of your Junior year.

2. Determine that you meet the minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 for all Dartmouth courses, and 3.5 in the Government major.

3. Obtain a faculty advisor. (check the government department webpage for information on faculty interests)

4. Fill out an application form and write a thesis proposal. Both need to be handed in to the Government Department by May 23rd 2014.

5. Enroll in Government 98 in the fall of your Senior year, and Government 99 in the winter.

6. If you will be away on an FSP or LSA during spring term, you are encouraged to complete your application by the end of winter term. Extensions will not be granted on account of FSP or LSA participation.
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT HONORS PROGRAM, 2014-2015

1. ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________
   Last Name       First Name       Middle       Class

2. ____________________________ Hanover Address (in spring ’14)_______________________________
   Hinman Box
   Hanover Telephone _____________

   Home address ______________________________________________________
   (in summer ’14) ____________________________ Street ____________________________
   City ____________________________ State ____________________________ Zip

   Home telephone _____________     ID# _____________     Birth date _____________

3. Number of Government courses completed by the end of your Junior year ________

4. Advanced seminar completed by the end of your Junior year ____________________________

5. List Government courses taken: ________________________________________________

6. Subfield concentration ____________________________

7. Have you taken the statistics prerequisite? _____________     If so, which one? _____________

8. Overall GPA ________ as of the end of winter ’14.

9. Major GPA ________ as of the end of winter ’14.

10. Proposed topic of research

11. Name of faculty member who has reviewed proposal and agreed to supervise thesis ________________

12. Courses taken with advisor ________________________________________________

RETURN THIS FORM, ALONG WITH THREE COPIES OF YOUR PROPOSAL,
TO THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OFFICE, BY MAY 23, 2014, 4:00pm.