

Honors Program Application and Agreement

The Department of Asian American Studies is proud to offer the *Honors Program* to graduating seniors. Upon completion, seniors may receive *Distinction in the Major* in the Spring year of their graduation. Majors who have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and major GPA of 3.5 may apply.

If you wish to apply for admission into our *Honors Program* the criteria are listed below. Please return this completed form to the Undergraduate Advisor in HSSB 5044.

The Honors Program is comprised of two required courses (8-12 units) and one optional AS AM 199 course with faculty of your choice.

1. Required *Theory and Method in Asian American Studies* (AS AM 175)
2. *Honors Seminar* to facilitate research and writing of thesis (including library workshop, weekly seminar and grant proposal writing workshop) (AS AM 195H)
3. Optional AS AM 199 course with faculty advisor from AS AM department.
4. Optional presentation of research in the spring quarter colloquium and/or University-wide Undergraduate Research Poster Session.

Thesis may be 1) scholarly, 2) expressive art, or 3) community studies fieldwork in conjunction with an internship. For traditional scholarly papers, the final project must consist of a 20-25 page paper. For the expressive art option, students may produce a live performance of at least 30 minutes, a video at least 15 minutes in length, or a full-length screenplay. Each option must be accompanied by a 2-3 page critical assessment of the project. The community studies component may be an internship-based project with a 20-25 page paper or a project completed with a community-based research collaborator, such as a grant proposal. With any of the options, the student must write a critical assessment of the project.

Up to two readers will be evaluating your work. The first will be the *Honors Program Director* and the second will be an Asian American Studies Faculty advisor.

**SENIOR HONORS PROGRAM
APPLICATION**

Name: _____ Perm Number: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Overall GPA: _____ Major GPA: _____
(Cumulative GPA at least 3.0) (Major GPA 3.5)

Overall units completed: _____ Expected Qtr/Year of Graduation: _____

Along with our Honors Program Director who will be supervising your project you need to identify two possible choices for your (one) Faculty Advisor: _____ or _____

Please attach a 1-page research proposal that includes the following:

- 1) Research Problem (What is the problem I aim to address?)*
- 2) Research Method (How will I go about addressing this problem?)*
- 3) Significance (Why is this project worth knowing or pursuing?)*
- 4) Possible Faculty Advisor from AS AM Faculty (who will supervise project, along with the Honor's Program Director who will read it)*

AGREEMENT

I am applying for the Department of Asian American Studies Honors Program with Distinction in the Major. I understand that successful completion of the program includes:

- Maintaining a GPA of 3.0 overall and 3.5 GPA in the major.
- Completing AS AM 175
- Completing AS AM 195H
- Writing a thesis, final project of 20-25 pages or its equivalent in creative works 30 minutes, a video at least 15 minutes in length, or screenplay. Each option must be accompanied by a 2-3 page critical assessment of the project.

Student's Signature _____ Date: _____

I intend to present my research at the departmental spring colloquium and/or University-wide Undergraduate Research Poster Session.

Yes or No (please circle one)