Requirements for Departmental Honors in Political Science: The Departmental Honors Program in Political Science offers junior and senior students the opportunity to enroll in enriched and advanced courses and to do independent research in their senior year. Honors candidates are eligible for honors colloquia, honors courses, some advanced seminars, and an independent studies project, usually in close collaboration with one or more members of the faculty. In addition to satisfying the general college honors requirements for the bachelor’s degree, honors candidates in political science must successfully complete a total of 36 hours of Political Science credit, including 12 hours of honors course work. Six of the 12 hours will be honors essay credit (PLSC 499VH) and will be taken during the senior year. Successful completion and defense of senior essay or thesis is a major part of the Political Science Honors Program, and students should begin discussing it with the Honors Adviser during their junior year. The preferred methods for satisfying the remaining six hours is to enroll in an honors colloquium (3923H) in political science or another department, by enrolling in a graduate-level seminar in political science, or by enrolling in PLSC 399VH (honors course). Under exceptional circumstances, students may satisfy honors requirements by enrolling in PLSC 394V, by enrolling in honors sections in other departments, or J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences by enrolling in colloquia or graduate seminars in other departments, each of which requires approval by the department chairperson. Successful completion of the requirements will be recognized by the award of the distinction “Political Science Scholar Cum Laude” at graduation. Higher degree distinctions are recommended only in truly exceptional cases and are based upon the whole of the candidate’s program of honors studies. For full details consult the chairperson of the political science department.