Department of Political Science
HONORS THESIS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM
For Academic Year 2019-2020

Name: _____________________________________ Email: __________________________
Campus Address: ______________________________________________
Academic Advisor: _____________________   Telephone_____________________

Please submit the following documents in hard copy to the Department of Political Science
reception desk no later than 5pm on Friday, May 3, 2019. Juniors who are in residence should
submit a hard copy of the application materials to the department front desk, and those who are
abroad should submit the materials electronically to richard.eichenberg@tufts.edu. The subject
heading for emails should be “senior thesis application”.

The application must include the following:

1. A written prospectus of no more than 5 double-spaced pages. This prospectus must
include the following:
   • clearly define the research question(s) that you plan to answer in the thesis;
   • explain the theoretical, normative, and/or policy importance of the thesis; why is
     it important?
   • outline the methodology of the research (e.g., primary and secondary sources,
     press reports, interviews, data sources, statistical procedures to be employed
     etc.);
   • briefly review the two or three major scholarly works that address the research
     question(s);
   • and include a list of your prior coursework that is specifically relevant to the
     proposed thesis. The department expects that a senior thesis will build on
     substantial prior coursework.

2. An up-to-date transcript (unofficial transcript from SIS is fine) Note: A&S rules
require that you have achieved the dean’s list twice to be approved for honors thesis
work.

3. The name of the political science faculty member who has agreed to serve as
the principal faculty advisor for the proposed thesis (first reader). Before submitting
the application, the applicant must consult with this faculty member. You are advised
to choose a faculty member who is familiar with the proposed thesis and who can
evaluate your academic background.

Professor/Thesis Advisor’s Name: _______________________________