

Department of Political Science
HONORS THESIS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM
For Academic Year 2020-2021

Name: _____ Email: _____

Campus Address: _____

Academic Advisor: _____ Telephone _____

Please submit the following documents no later than **5pm on Friday, May 4, 2020**. 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: _____