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Honors in China & Asia-Pacific Studies

Qualifications and Requirements:

<http://caps.cornell.edu/major>

Candidates for honors must maintain an overall average of B+ (3.3) and an average of A- (3.7) in courses pertinent to the major. To be eligible for a degree with honors in China & Asia-Pacific Studies, a student must in the senior year write an honors essay and take an oral examination in the declared area of research. Students must make their own arrangements for a thesis advisor. Students should select an advisor from the China & Asia-Pacific Studies program faculty before the end of their junior year and discuss with that person plans for a project. After securing a thesis advisor, the student must submit an Honors Application which includes a description of the proposed honors thesis and the endorsement from their thesis advisor stating that he/she will supervise the student's honors thesis. Once the application has been approved, the honors student, in consultation with their thesis advisor, must find a reader among the CAPS faculty by the end of the 3rd week of classes in the spring semester of their senior year.

To research and write their thesis, senior honors candidates, in most cases, enroll in CAPS 4010 in the fall of their senior year (while at Peking University) and continue in CAPS 4020 in the spring.

Theses (three copies) are due in the China & Asia-Pacific Studies Office by the 13th week of classes in the spring semester. The deadline will be announced. Theses may not exceed 60 pages of text.

After submitting the thesis to the department, students need to arrange an oral exam date with their supervisor and one other reader (selected by the student in consultation with the thesis advisor) from the China & Asia-Pacific Studies program faculty. That exam should take place sometime in the last week of the spring term or during study period. The level of honors awarded to the honors thesis student will be determined by the CAPS Director on the basis of the evaluation by the student's Honors Thesis Advisor and reader and the student's grade record in the major. Students are awarded one of four designations: (1) no honors, (2) honors (cum laude), (3) high honors (magna cum laude), and (4) highest honors (summa cum laude). For further information on CAPS Honors, please check the CAPS Honors page at <http://caps.cornell.edu/major>.



CAPS Honors Program Request Form

Name: _____ ID: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Major Advisor: _____ Thesis Advisor: _____

Second Reader: _____

Provisional title of honors thesis: _____

With this form, please also turn in:

1. A) Your **cumulative GPA** as of the end of the last semester: _____
- B) Your grade average in the **CAPS Major** as of the end of last semester: _____
2. Attach a brief description of the proposed research project (one page).

Student's Signature

Honors Thesis Advisor's Signature

Date

Date

Please return this form to the CAPS Office, 105A Morrill Hall.