

ISF Honors Process

All honors students enroll in the senior thesis seminar with other majors (ISF 190). Senior Honors Theses that receive honors will be no different in length and baseline requirements than other ISF Senior Theses, although they will inevitably use more primary and secondary sources, employ a more sophisticated methodology, and offer more rigorous and sophisticated interpretations.

Students seeking Honors will still need to identify and seek out Senate Faculty members (tenured faculty) from other departments for advice and to serve as **Second Readers**. Students must then let their ISF 190 instructor know that they intend to pursue honors in the major, and will give the name of their Second Reader to their ISF 190 instructor. Student grades in ISF 190 will be constituted by an average of grades assigned by the ISF 190 instructor and the Second Readers.

Students eligible for honors must still have an overall GPA of at least 3.6, including ISF courses, at the beginning of the semester in which they enroll in ISF 190. However, the degree of honors in the ISF Program will not be tied to a particular GPA. Instead, students pursuing the Honors Option will be nominated for a degree of honors (Honors, High Honors, Highest Honors) by the ISF instructor, the Second Reader, or another ladder faculty member.

The assessment of the degree of honors will be made by an **ISF Honors Committee** consisting of no fewer than two teaching faculty of the ISF Program and two Academic Senate Members under the oversight of the ISF Director. The ISF Honors Committee will use the criteria of scholarly originality, methodological sophistication (including interdisciplinarity), the quality of source interpretation, and excellence in writing and argumentation to adjudicate the degree of honors to be conferred. To allow adequate time for the Honors Committee to assess and review the Senior Honors Theses, students seeking Honors will be required to turn in their final Senior Theses to their ISF 190 instructor at the beginning of Reading/Review/Recitation Week (in spring 2017, the due date is Monday, May 1, 2017, by 5PM).