

Course Sequence – HONORS THESIS – Hunter College Dept of Political Science
applicable to students graduating Spring (June) 2018 and thereafter

	Final Year/SEMESTER 1	Final Year/SEMESTER 2
Classroom-based	<p><u>POLSC 493</u> (1 credit): <i>Conducting and Presenting Political Science Research</i></p> <p>In this taught class, students (all writing honors theses) will learn: how to identify a research question; conduct a literature review; formulate hypotheses & arguments; understand theoretical frameworks; identify & apply appropriate methods; collect & analyze research materials; and organize, draft & document their findings.</p> <p><i>[NB: Students must receive at least a B+ to proceed to Polsc 492.]</i></p>	<u>NONE</u>
Supervision-based	<p><u>POLSC 491</u> (2 credits): <i>Honors Thesis Research (Inception)</i></p> <p>Working one-on-one with faculty thesis advisor, students receive guidance on the substantive dimensions of their projects (which are also the focus of work in Polsc 493); and advice on the final product: <u>a prospectus of research & writing activities to be pursued in Semester 2</u> (in Polsc 492).</p> <p><i>[NB: Students must receive at least a B+ to proceed to Polsc 492]</i></p>	<p><u>POLSC 492</u> (3 credits): <i>Honors Thesis Research (Completion)</i></p> <p>Continuing work with thesis advisor, students are guided toward completion of their projects, including preparation of draft & final thesis document and development of visual & oral presentation for department-wide student research-exchange event.</p> <p><i>[NB: Students must receive at least a B+ in this course to obtain honors.]</i></p>

NOTES:

- To register for Polsc 491, 492, and 493, students must obtain consent in writing from the proposed thesis advisor, who must be a full-time member of the political science faculty. This should be arranged during the semester before 491 and 493 will be taken.
- The best way to locate a suitable thesis advisor is to take 200- or 300- level courses with full-time faculty teaching on topics of potential interest. (Three 300-level courses are required for the major.)
- The same faculty member will ordinarily serve as advisor for both Polsc 491 and 492, though arrangements can be made when a student's break in study, or a faculty member's research leave, makes such continuity impractical.
- Consult department website for faculty consent forms, lists containing other requirements for graduation with honors (minimum GPA, etc.), and details regarding thesis deadlines, submission process, and presentation event.