**INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES**  
**DEPARTMENTAL HONORS PROGRAM**

**General Program Information:**

The International and Area Studies Departmental Honors Program was created to offer highly motivated students the opportunity to design and conduct their own independent research under the guidance of a faculty advisor. The honors program consists of a three-quarter, directed-study series of courses (Directed Study for Honors: I A STD 198A, 198B, & 198C) culminating in an honors thesis.

Throughout the three quarters, students will work closely with their faculty advisor who will guide them through the various phases of the student's research. At the end of the third quarter, students will submit a thesis to their faculty advisor for final review. Note that the thesis is intended to be quite substantial in its scholarship—between 40 to 60 pages of text in length (not including title page, bibliography, appendices, etc.).

*Departmental Honors or Departmental Highest Honors* designation on the transcript and diploma will be awarded upon successful completion of the program.

**Prerequisites:**

To participate in the International and Area Studies Honors Program, students must:

- have completed all preparation for the major requirements;
- have a 3.5 GPA in all upper division coursework for the major and a 3.0 overall GPA;
- obtain agreement from a faculty member to supervise their honors thesis;
- application should be made during the junior year, after students have completed more than 90 units of coursework.

**Course Descriptions:**

- **I A STD 198A** is to be devoted to discussion and planning of the honors thesis, as well as a literature review, and will carry four units of credit and is to be taken for a letter grade. This should culminate in a 10-15 page literature review.

- **I A STD 198B** is used for further literature review, as well as research investigation and data collection, culminating in a 12-15 page outline of the thesis, including a brief introduction, major arguments, and discussion of the evidence or data. Letter grading.

- **I A STD 198C** culminates in a submitted thesis, is to be taken for a letter grade.

The last day to submit a final copy of the thesis to the faculty advisor during the third quarter of research if Friday of Week 10, unless an alternative arrangement has been made in advance with the approval of the advisor. An identical copy must also be submitted to the Office of Academic Advising, 10373 Bunche Hall. A signature page (sample is included below) must be created and attached to both copies of the final thesis for readers to designate the level of honors attained, if any.

**Procedures for Participation:**

Once students have ascertained that they meet the prerequisites and have a research project in mind, they should try to find a faculty member whose research or teaching interests correspond with the project. Some general information regarding faculty members and their research interests can be found on the following page:  
http://www.research.ucla.edu/faculty/

Once a faculty advisor has been located, and has agreed to advise you during this year-long project, you must then complete the International and Area Studies Departmental Honors Program Application (see last page), have your faculty advisor sign it, and bring it to the Academic Counselor. The Counselor will verify that the necessary signature has been obtained and that the prerequisites have been met.
The next step is to log into MyUCLA and select the Contract Courses link. From there, you'll be directed to fill out an online form for I A STD 198A. Print it out and have your faculty sponsor sign it as well. Once you have it signed (there is no need to obtain the Chair's signature), submit the form to 10373 Bunche as soon as possible, along with a 2-page preliminary outline of your research topic, and application form. Be sure to give your Faculty Advisor a copy of the 2-page preliminary outline of your research topic, a copy of this entire document, and a copy of the Contract Courses printout for his/her records.

Make an appointment with the Academic Counselor in the Office of Academic Advising, 10373Bunche Hall, to turn in the completed application form for approval, along with the 2-page outline, and Contract Course form. Do this well before the quarter you want to enroll in any I A STD Departmental Honors course to better ensure that the course can be set up before normal enrollment deadlines. Students who attempt to submit their initial application, or requirements for subsequent courses, once the quarter begins may have to petition for a late add of the course through the College of Letters & Science, and pay any associated late fee.

**Faculty Advisor Responsibilities:**

Please review the student’s 2-page preliminary outline before agreeing to advise the honors thesis. Note that one expectation for the faculty advisor is to meet weekly with the student during the regular term.

Faculty advisors should be in residence for the three terms the thesis will be undertaken and should not be on sabbatical at this time. Also, the duties of the faculty advisor should not be split between different people, that is, the same person should advise the student through the three terms.

Faculty advisors should also be familiar with what is expected of students who participate in the International and Area Studies Departmental Honors Program by reviewing this entire document.

**Honors Distinction:**

In order to graduate with [Departmental Honors](#) in the International and Area Studies majors, the student must:

- Be graduating with an overall GPA of 3.00
- Complete all requirements for the major with a minimum GPA of **3.50** in upper division major coursework
- Complete the Honors Program courses (I A STD 198 A-B-C) and submit a copy of the thesis to the Office of Academic Advising, 10373 Bunche Hall

**Highest Honors Distinction:**

The International Development Studies program may award the [Departmental Highest Honors](#) distinction to a student upon completion of the following requirements:

- Be graduating with an overall GPA of 3.00
- Complete all requirements for the major with a minimum GPA of **3.75** in upper division major coursework
- Complete the Honors Program courses (I A STD 198 A-B-C) and submit a copy of the thesis to the Office of Academic Advising, 10373 Bunche
- Produce an Honors Thesis that is deemed "exceptional". The thesis must be approved by a committee of two faculty members - the chair of the International and Area Studies IDP and the faculty advisor of the student.

Departmental honors and highest honors are recorded on the final transcript and diploma after students successfully complete the program.
INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES
DEPARTMENTAL HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

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Last Name, First Name  UCLA ID #

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E-mail  Major

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Date

In order to apply for the Interdepartmental and Area Studies Departmental Honors Program, students must meet all prerequisites listed on the accompanying information sheet.

Please fill out this application and attach a preliminary outline of your research topic along with a printout of the Contract Courses form (available from MyUCLA). Then, make an appointment with the Academic Counselor (bringing all three documents) in order to take the next step to officially enroll in I A STD 198A.

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Name of Faculty Advisor  Faculty Advisor’s Home Department

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Faculty Advisor’s Signature*  Date

*By signing above, you agree to abide by the faculty advisor responsibilities, outlined in the accompanying information sheet.

Progress on the International and Area Studies Departmental Honors Thesis

To be filled out by the Academic Counselor:

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<td>Before enrollment is allowed, students will need to submit to their faculty advisor and the Office of Academic Advising a 12-15 page outline of the thesis.</td>
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Awarding of International and Area Studies Departmental Honors

The signature page for the thesis will need to be signed by the designated faculty advisor to ensure satisfactory completion of the I A STD Honors Thesis.
For Departmental Honors, the signature page should appear as follows:

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Los Angeles

Popular Perceptions of European Integration: Examples from the United Kingdom
By

Joe Bruin

A thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the International and Area Studies IDP Departmental Honors Program, European Studies major. Honors Designation

June 2012

The departmental honors thesis of Josephine Bruin is approved.

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Kate Doe, Faculty Advisor

For Departmental Highest Honors, the signature page should appear as follows:

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Los Angeles

Popular Perceptions of European Integration: Examples from the United Kingdom
By

Joseph Bruin

A thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the International and Area Studies IDP Departmental Honors Program, European Studies major, Highest Honors Designation

June 2012

The I A STD departmental honors thesis of Josephine Bruin is deemed of exceptional quality and is worthy of Highest Honors designation.

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Archie Poe, Chair of International and Area Studies

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Kate Doe, Faculty Advisor & Committee Chair