

## Application for the Departmental Honors Program

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please prepare a cover sheet with your name, title of your prospectus, and a brief 1-2 paragraph containing information about aspects of your academic experience that have prepared you to pursue in-depth independent research on the topic of your prospectus (this is not a space for you to refer to your many worthy experiences and achievements. We are specifically interested to know what courses or other research opportunities have allowed you to gain familiarity with the topic of your proposed research)

2. Attach a 5-7-page thesis prospectus in which you present your research design, specifically:

What is the research question you intend to address?

How have others (established researchers, authors/scholars, policymakers) addressed this question or contributed to a better understanding of the issues it deals with?

How do you intend to deal with your research question, in other words, what is your hypothesis/hypotheses?

What methodology would you employ in your research? How will you compile evidence to support your hypothesis/argument?

What bibliography (scholarly sources) have you compiled so far and/or used to write your prospectus?

3. Submit a copy of your transcript with your application.

4. **Send the 3 documents listed above** to [mrodrigu@holycross.edu](mailto:mrodrigu@holycross.edu), cc to [nloydboy@holycross.edu](mailto:nloydboy@holycross.edu),  
SUBJECT LINE: Honors thesis application.

Complete applications must be submitted no later than **THE FRIDAY BEFORE SPRING BREAK, by 5:00 PM.**

If you have any questions, please consult Prof. Maria Rodrigues, Chair of the Department of Political Science