



SCHOOL of PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ★ WASHINGTON, D.C.

SPA Honors Program

The SPA Honors Program will provide SPA students with outstanding academic records the opportunity to earn school-based Honors. SPA students in the highly-selective Honors Program will take rigorous courses in public affairs open only to SPA Honors Program members; conduct a year-long original research project mentored by two faculty members; and participate in Honors Program activities.

Students admitted to the SPA Honors Program will fulfill the following requirements during their final four semesters:

- Year 1: Two 3-credit SPA Honors Colloquia OR one 3-credit SPA Honors Colloquium and one Honors supplement to an existing 3-credit 400-level or above course. Courses may be applied toward the major.
- Year 2: Honors Thesis (6 credits): Two-semester course sequence in which each student produces a senior thesis that makes a distinctive and original scholarly contribution to the field.

All SPA majors who meet the requirements listed below are eligible to apply; you need NOT be a current member of an Honors or Scholars Program.

To apply, a student must:

- Have completed at least 45 credits (AP credits are not included in the 45 credits), with a minimum of 15 credits completed at American University
- Will graduate in May 2019 (must have at least four semesters remaining)
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.67
- Submit completed application form
- Submit a statement of interest
- Submit a research based writing sample
- Submit a recommendation letter from a professor who can attest to your outstanding academic performance, engagement in public-affairs related work, and/or other qualifications that may qualify you for admission



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SPA Honors Program Application Form

Name: _____ AUID: _____

AU E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Credits completed: _____ Credits completed at AU: _____

Major GPA: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Please attach the following, with your name on each document:

- Transcript (unofficial is fine)
- Brief statement of interest (500 words)
- Research-based writing sample
- Recommendation letter from a professor discussing your academic performance, engagement in public affairs work, and/or other qualifications

Send application form and all required documents to
aupublicaffairs@american.edu by **November 6, 2017, 5:00 pm**. The subject
line must be **“SPA Honors Application.”**

Admission decisions will be announced by mid-November, 2017.