



## **SPA Honors Program**

The School of Public Affairs Honors Program will provide SPA students with outstanding academic records and a clear commitment to public affairs 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. They will additionally conduct an original research project mentored by two faculty members, and participate in Honors Program activities. The completion of the program also will appear on one's transcript after graduating, attracting potential employers and graduate school admissions counselors.

### **Students admitted to the SPA Honors Program will fulfill the following requirements:**

- Complete an SPA Honors colloquia- *SPA 300* ( 3 credits)
- Complete honors supplements to existing 3-credit courses within SPA at the 400 level or above. Independent studies are also permitted ( 6 credits)
- Complete the Honors capstone course- *SPA 480*- in which you will research and write an original thesis. ( 3 credits) \*This course is only offered during spring semesters\*.

All SPA majors who meet the requirements listed below are eligible to apply:

### **To apply, a student must:**

- Have completed at least 45 credits with a minimum of 15 credits completed at American University
- Will graduate in December 2022 or May 2023
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.67
- Submit the completed application form and provide the additional application materials (attached below)



**SPA Honors Program Application Form**

**Full Name:**

**AU E-Mail:**

**AUID:**

**Major:**

**Minor (if none, type in N/A):**

**Cumulative GPA:**

**Major GPA:**

**Credits completed:**

**Credits completed at AU:**

**ADDITIONAL REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS:**

Please include the each of the following, with your **name on each document**:

- *Transcript (unofficial is fine)*
- *Statement of interest (500 words, double spaced)*
- *Research-based writing sample*
- *Recommendation letter from a professor discussing your academic performance, engagement in public affairs work, and/or other qualifications*
- *Interview ( optional, not required)*

\*Send application and additional application materials to **aupublicaffairs@american.edu** by **Friday, March 5th , 2021, by 6 PM.**  
The subject line must be **“SPA Honors Application.”\***

Admission decisions will be released in **late March.**