



## **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:**

- Complete nine SPA Honors credits consisting of a combination of SPA Honors colloquia (SPA 300), honors supplements to existing 3-credit courses at the 400 level or above, and approved independent study; and
- Complete the Honors capstone course (SPA 480), in which you will research and write an original thesis.

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 or December 2020 (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



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

## **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](mailto:aupublicaffairs@american.edu) by **Friday, October 18, 2019**

**The subject line must be “SPA Honors Application.”**

Admission decisions will be announced by early November