



## Department of History Honors in History Program Application

Applicants to the Honors in History Program must submit this form along with a thesis prospectus (of 500 words) and transcripts from Portland State University and/or from any other institution attended as an undergraduate.

Applications are not considered complete until all materials have been received by the department.  
Materials may be submitted individually as they become available.

### **Applicant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Term and Year of Admission: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security or PSU ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Current Degree Information:**

Current Degree (BA/BS): \_\_\_\_\_ Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA in History: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Honors Program Information:**

Name of Primary Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Primary Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Secondary Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Secondary Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Topic Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Terms to Start and Finish Program (minimum 4 quarters span): \_\_\_\_\_

By your signature, you signify that all statements on this form and within this application are true and complete; that you have completed and submitted a separate university application packet; that you understand that admission to this program is selective and not guaranteed by application; and that you must matriculate (register and pay for at least one course) in the term of your admission or your admission may be cancelled. Furnishing false or incomplete information on an admission application is Academic Fraud and subject to disciplinary procedures through the Office of Graduate Studies and the Office of Student Affairs.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Honors in History Degree Option**

### **Purpose**

The Honors Degree in History will allow outstanding History undergraduates to perform research with individual faculty members and to receive recognition for their exceptional performance. Students may either participate in faculty research projects or they may pursue independent research under faculty guidance.

### **Selection**

Students should apply to the Department when they have completed at least 80 credit hours of work towards their undergraduate degree and at least 24 credit hours towards the History major, including HST 300. Students are required to have a minimum GPA of 3.25 overall, including a GPA of at least 3.5 in all History courses. Students must not be carrying any Incompletes. Successful application assumes the agreement of two faculty members to serve as the applicant's primary advisor and secondary reader.

### **Requirements**

In addition to the standard requirements for the undergraduate major, the Honors Option culminates in an undergraduate thesis plus 8 additional CH of course work (for a total of 68), executed during the student's junior and senior years. During the first term after acceptance to the Honors Option, the student investigates thesis topics in a reading and conference course (HST 405) directed by the faculty member who has agreed to supervise the student's honors thesis. Normally this will be followed by one term devoted to research (HST 401), a second term to writing (HST 403), and a third to presentation and revision of the thesis (HST 403). Note that HST 405 will normally count as an upper-division elective course for the BA/BS, and that HST 401 may be substituted for one of the two required seminars (HST 407).

### **Supervision**

The student's advisor will provide most supervision. Students not performing adequately may be dropped from the program at any time at the request of the advisor. Students may request a change of advisor or withdraw voluntarily from the program. Any disputes between the student and advisor will be dealt with by the departmental Undergraduate/Honors Committee. Students who withdraw from the program may still count coursework in HST 405 and HST 401 toward departmental Major requirements.

### **Application Guidelines**

Submit the following to the Department of History Honors Degree Program:

1. Your transcript(s), from Portland State University and/or from any other institution you may have attended as an undergraduate.
2. Confirmation (in writing) of two full-time faculty members who have agreed to serve as primary and secondary advisors for the honors thesis.
3. A written thesis prospectus (approximately 500 words) of the research to be undertaken, signed by the primary and secondary advisors. Copies of the approved prospectus will be kept on file in the department
4. The completed application cover sheet with contact information.