

# Graduating with Honors in History

In order to be eligible for graduation with honors in the History major, you must meet the following criteria:

- You have declared the History major
- You have a 3.5 or above GPA in History courses
- You have a 3.0 or above cumulative GPA for all college-level courses

Once these criteria are met, you may fill out the attached form, "Intent to Pursue Honors in the History Major", and submit it to the Department of History in 2N-215.

You should then meet with the Coordinator of Honors in History, Professor Mark Lewis, as well as speaking with a professor or professors with whom you wish to write your honors thesis. Normally, this would be a professor with whom you have already taken a course.

In addition to the criteria above, students graduating with honors in the History major must also complete an honors seminar and submit a thesis.

Once you have been cleared to pursue honors, you must submit a one-to two-page thesis proposal to your advisor and the coordinator of honors in History stating the scope of research or revisions as well as questions and new source materials to be addressed before registering for HSS 594 or a Divisional Honors Seminar.

You will then register for HSS 594: Independent Study Honors in History or a Divisional Honors Seminar.

In this course, you will complete an honors thesis under the supervision of a History faculty member who will oversee and approve each step of the thesis process.

An honors thesis is an extended research essay (between twenty and thirty pages) demonstrating a superior command of the historical topic and evidence of rigorous critical thinking.

This research essay need not be a new work; it may be a substantial revision or extension of a paper previously submitted in a course at CSI.

Once completed, the thesis must be approved by the faculty advisor and a second reader appointed by the coordinator of honors in History.

*Please note: All requirements for graduation with honors must be completed and approved by the last day of classes in the semester in which you will graduate.*

**Intent to Pursue Honors in the History Major**

Date Submitted to History Department: \_\_\_\_\_

IDENTIFICATION (please print):

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home and cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ELIGIBILITY:

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*Please attach your unofficial transcript*

INTENDED TOPIC OF THESIS:

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Is this a revision of an existing project, or a new project?       Revision     New

Intended faculty mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you spoken with this mentor about your thesis?       Yes       No

If yes, please have your mentor sign the form before submission:

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return this form to the Department of History, 2N-215; questions may be directed to the Coordinator of Honors in History, Professor Mark Lewis ([Mark.Lewis@csi.cuny.edu](mailto:Mark.Lewis@csi.cuny.edu)).