REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF HONORS RESEARCH (POLS 3700)

I request permission to enroll for an honors research independent study in Political Science. I understand that it is my responsibility to work with the supervising instructor/topic advisor to establish deadlines and complete my thesis proposal (including literature review and research design) in a timely manner. I will receive a letter grade for the course. After submitting this form, the department will issue a permit that allows me to register for the class. I understand that it is then my responsibility to register for the class.

Name ___________________________________________  ID#____________________

E-mail Address_________________________  Term Enrolled_____________________

Topic: ___________________________________________

Scheduled Meeting Time(s): ____________________________

Honors Program (circle):  POLS  UHP  Both  Other ____________

Expected Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives:

Student will complete a thesis proposal, layperson summary (basically an abstract of the proposal), and application to candidacy to submit to the Honors College by the designated due date (reading day). The proposal should include the literature review and research design for the thesis. The topic should be determined in consultation with the instructor and should involve original research using current methods in political science.

Grading/Evaluation Criteria:

Student will be evaluated based on the quality of their thesis proposal, including literature review and research design, and on the progress made toward completion of the thesis the next semester.

Student Signature ___________________________  Date __________

Supervising Instructor Signature (Full-time POLS faculty only) ___________________________  Date __________

Political Science Honors Director ___________________________________________  Date __________

Department Chair/Associate Chair Signature ___________________________  Date __________