Honors in the Major

Students majoring in international relations have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. Students must maintain a cumulative University of Iowa g.p.a. of at least 3.33, as required by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and a major g.p.a. of at least 3.50. They must complete POLI:4000 Honors Seminar on the Study of Politics in addition to the minimum major requirements. Honors students complete an honors thesis through their enrollment in POLI:4801 Honors Senior Seminar in International Relations.

National Honor Society

The department sponsors a chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. Students who have a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 3.30, have attained junior standing, and have completed 15 s.h. of coursework in political science are considered for membership. Contact the Department of Political Science honors advisor for more information.

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University’s honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the international relations major.