



## DEPARTMENTAL HONORS NOMINATION

As a NELC faculty member, I nominate the following student to be admitted to the Honors Program for the Near Eastern Languages and Civilization Department.

**NELC Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing, I am agreeing to be the supervising faculty member for this student's Honors Thesis.

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**Supervising Faculty Member's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Please forward to the NELC Undergraduate Advisor for verification that the nominated student meets the requirements for admittance into the NELC Honors Program.

*For Undergraduate Advisor:*

- At least one 300-level NELC course (non-language)
- 3.5 Overall G.P.A.
- 3.7 NELC Departmental G.P.A.

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**NELC Undergraduate Advisor's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Please forward to the NELC Chair for approval to admit student into the NELC Honors Program.

*For Chair:*

As the NELC Chair, I approve that this nominated student be admitted into the Near Eastern Languages and Civilization Departmental Honors Program.

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**Chair's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Please return to the NELC Undergraduate Advisor to convey student's acceptance into the NELC Honors Program. The student will be notified of acceptance into the Departmental Honors Program and informed of requirements to earn Departmental Honors.

*Acceptance to the Program does not guarantee that a student will graduate with Departmental Honors. It is the student's responsibility to fulfill the requirements for NELC Honors once admitted.*

# NELC HONORS PROGRAM POLICIES

## Admittance Procedures

1. Students must have taken at least one upper division NELC course taught in English (300 or above with the exceptions of languages course, NEAR E 490, and NEAR E 499) in NELC prior to admission to the departmental honors program.
2. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5 overall and 3.7 in courses required for the NELC major. If either of the student's GPAs is below these levels, he/she may petition to still be admitted in hope that the GPA can be raised to the minimum level by the time of graduation. The minimum GPA must be maintained and students cannot graduate with distinction if these GPA standards are not met at the time of graduation.
3. Students can **only** be admitted by faculty nomination. Students may convey their interest in the honors track to any doctorate level NELC faculty (any NELC or adjunct faculty with a Ph. D.). The faculty nominator will sign the NELC Departmental Nomination Form and students will forward the form to the NELC Advisor for submission and approval by the Department Chair. By agreeing to nominate a student, the faculty nominator also agrees to subsequently supervise the Honor student for their Senior Thesis.

\* NELC majors who are already in the College Honors program must also complete the above admission process and meet the minimum requirements.

## Letter of Interest

**Prior to** submitting The NELC Departmental Nomination Form, students are also expected to submit to the NELC Advisor a one page letter of interest by the second Friday of the quarter (or the Thursday before if the second Friday is a holiday). The letter should be addressed to the student's ideal faculty supervisor highlighting:

- 1) student's area of interest;
- 2) related courses or activities that the student had or will have completed, indicating the student's academic plan for completing the Honors Thesis;
- 3) the quarter and year that the student will sign up for NEAR E 499 (Undergraduate Research) and NEAR E 498 (Senior Essay); and
- 4) any other relevant information.

The purpose of this letter is to further assist a potential faculty supervisor in identifying and familiarizing themselves with students and their interests.

## Honors Graduation Requirements

1. The student must successfully complete an honors thesis under the supervision of a faculty advisor. The student must write the thesis over the course of two quarters, enrolling in NEAR E 499 for 3-5 credits one quarter and NEAR E 498 for 5 credits the other quarter. The expectations for this honors thesis are substantially higher than those for the senior essay (senior essay guidelines can be found outside the NELC office on the back side of the Senior Essay Form).
2. Minimum overall UW GPA of 3.5 and minimum NELC GPA of 3.7.

These details are also available on the NELC website <http://depts.washington.edu/nelc/honors.html>