

TO: Class of 2021  
RE: Departmental Honors  
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If you plan to be a candidate for Honors in your senior year, it is important to know the following:

1. Know your department's policy regarding thesis tutorials; most require two consecutive semesters of thesis tutorial. Be sure that you register for the tutorial that your department requires of Honors candidates; for most students this will be DEPT409 in Fall 2020 and DEPT410 in Spring 2021. **You must add the tutorial online during the Drop/Add period each semester.**
2. Once confirmed by the department, each candidate registered for the appropriate tutorial is considered an Honors candidate by the Honors Committee.

Special Cases: Those who will complete course work in December 2020, candidates for Honors in General Scholarship, and University majors must contact Susan Krajewski. Students who complete their studies in December are now required to submit their honors thesis on the first day of classes in the following spring semester. **So December completions who are members of the Class of 2021 must register their thesis by 4pm on January 21, 2021.** For students interested in pursuing Honors in General Scholarship, a comprehensive application process must be followed. Information about this process, including eligibility, is available at [https://www.wesleyan.edu/registrar/honors/general\\_scholarship.html](https://www.wesleyan.edu/registrar/honors/general_scholarship.html). Spring applications for General Scholarship are due **Friday, April 24, 2020 by 4pm**. Please note that with extenuating circumstances the Honors Committee may be willing to review late application in the fall. The late application deadline is 4pm on September 18, 2020. The Honors Committee expects students to meet the spring application deadline. Only 50% of the late applications were approved this year so apply on time.

Departmental Honors: To receive Honors upon graduation, all candidates must fulfill the Honors requirements of the major department. **Be sure that you know what your department requires.** Criteria for supervising and evaluating candidates rests solely with the academic department. Follow your department's procedure to obtain a tutor.

The Jellybean Papers: Further considerations on writing the senior thesis and answers to many questions are available in the Jellybean Papers (known as such because they were once printed on brightly-colored paper). Copies of the 2019/2020 version can be found here:

<https://wesfiles.wesleyan.edu/departments/Reg/Honors/Public/JellybeanPapers.pdf>

**Important deadlines for 2021 Honors candidates:**

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| September 18, 2020:    | Final day of Drop/Add registration for the Fall tutorial. Register online in Fall 2020 during Drop/Add for the first half of your thesis (DEPT409).      |
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| February 3, 2021:      | Final day of Drop/Add registration for the Spring tutorial. Register online in Spring 2021 during Drop/Add for the second half of your thesis (DEPT410). |
| <b>April 14, 2021:</b> | <b>Theses due by 4pm (no extensions possible)</b>  |
| <b>April 28, 2021</b>  | <b>Department decisions due, performances/exhibitions completed.</b>   |