

Asian Languages and Literature  
**Undergraduate Honors Degree Requirements**  
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Application Procedures:

1. Prepare a one-page written request describing the proposed honors thesis topic and identifying the faculty member who will be asked to direct and ultimately approve the thesis.
2. Submit formal confirmation that the first two requirements enumerated in the below honors degree requirements have been satisfied. Normally this will come from the undergraduate adviser in the form of a simple written confirmation.
3. Submit a writing sample of no less than five (double-spaced) pages. The sample can be newly written for this purpose, or may be something written previously as course work, or any combination of these. It may not be a translation but should instead be something that shows evidence of the applicant's ability to express herself or himself clearly, cogently, and thoughtfully in English.
4. After the initial screening by the undergraduate adviser of those applicants who meet the formal requirements, the designated honors thesis adviser (an Asian Languages & Literature faculty member) will make the final approvals or rejections.
5. If the student who has been accepted into the departmental honors program fails to maintain the requirements (GPA), the undergraduate adviser will issue a warning. If the student fails to correct the situation before the quarter (spring or last quarter) in which she or he plans to write the thesis, she or he will be dropped from the program.

In addition to the standard set of requirements for the Bachelor's Degree in Asian Languages and Literature, add the following for an honors degree:

1. An overall 3.7 GPA.
2. No incompletes at the time of application.
3. Two quarters of coursework in any classical Asian language, or three quarters of coursework in a modern Asian language other than that for which the B.A. is to be granted.

4. An honors thesis to be written in the “senior” year (or the year during which the student is completing the Asian L & L major) under the direction and approval of an Asian L & L faculty member. This can be done under the various 499 courses in the specific language program.
5. Complete an Honors Program *Departmental Invitation*.