

Fall 2008

TO: Members of the Class of 2009
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 2008 and DEPT410 in Spring 2009. **You must add the tutorial 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 2008, candidates for Honors in General Scholarship, students who seek Honors in more than one department, and University majors must see Beth Labriola.

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.

Honors in General Scholarship: A University major or a senior with an interdisciplinary thesis subject not fitting into a department or program follows this route to receive Honors. See Beth Labriola for procedures.

Nomination: Departments nominate candidates to the Honors College on the basis of information supplied by the student and the tutor on the Tutorial/Work in Progress form that is submitted in January. You will receive information about this process prior to the January drop/add period, if you are confirmed by your department as an honors candidate.

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 bright paper). Copies of the 2008/09 version may be found online at: <http://www.wesleyan.edu/registrar/honors.htm>.

Turn over for the 2008/2009 Honors Calendar

Important deadlines for 2009 Honors candidates:

- September 15, 2008: Final day of Drop/Add registration for the Fall tutorial. Tutorial forms must be submitted by the deadline.
- September 18, 2008: Study carrel applications due to Olin Library, Rm. 202, by noon. (Applications will be available September 9 at 9 am in Rm. 202)
- September 22, 2008: Carrel Lottery results posted at Olin Library Rm. 202. You must pick up your carrel key by Friday, September 26 at 5 pm or the key will be reissued to the next person on the waitlist.
- October 1, 2008: Documentation due for General Scholarship candidates
- February 3, 2009: Final day of Drop/Add registration for the Spring tutorial. Tutorial/Work in Progress forms must be submitted by the deadline.
- April 14, 2009** **Theses due (no extensions possible)**
- April 28, 2009** **Department recommendations due**
All performances and exhibitions completed
- May 22, 2009: Pick up bound thesis copies along with diplomas in North College
- May 24, 2009: Commencement

Download a paper version of the JellyBean papers at <http://www.wesleyan.edu/registrar/JellyBeanPapers2008-09.pdf> or access the honors site online at <http://www.wesleayn.edu/registrar/honors.htt>.