

Fall 2009

TO: Members of the Class of 2010
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 2009 and DEPT410 in Spring 2010. **You must add the tutorial electronically through the Drop/Add system 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 2009, candidates for Honors in General Scholarship, students who seek Honors in a subject outside of their department (interdisciplinary), 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 through the Drop/Add system 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 2009/10 version may be found online at:**
<http://www.wesleyan.edu/registrar/JellyBeanPapers2009-10.pdf>

Turn over for the 2009/2010 Honors Calendar

Important deadlines for 2010 Honors candidates:

- September 21, 2009: Final day of Drop/Add registration for the Fall tutorial. Tutorials must be submitted in the Drop/Add system by the deadline.
- September 15, 2009: Study carrel applications available in Olin Library Rm. 202 at 9 am
- September 24, 2009: Study carrel applications due in Olin Library Rm. 202 by noon
- September 28, 2009: Carrel Lottery results posted at Olin Library Rm. 202. You must pick up your carrel key by Friday, October 2 at 5 pm or the key will be reissued to the next person on the waitlist.
- October 1, 2009: Documentation due for General Scholarship candidates
- February 3, 2010: Final day of Drop/Add registration for the Spring tutorial. Tutorial/Work in Progress forms must be submitted in the Drop/Add System by the deadline.
- April 13, 2010** **Deadline to register Senior thesis/essay in Student Portfolio, 4 pm (no extensions possible)**
- April 27, 2010** **Department recommendations due**
All performances and exhibitions completed
- May 21, 2010: Pick up bound thesis copies along with diplomas in North College
- May 23, 2010: Commencement

Download a paper version of the JellyBean papers at <http://www.wesleyan.edu/registrar/JellyBeanPapers2009-10.pdf> or access the honors site online at <http://www.wesleyan.edu/registrar/honors.htm>.