

College of STS Honors Thesis Form

Candidates for Honors in STS must submit an Honors (or High Honors) level thesis by the University's deadline, and must have maintained an average grade of 88.3 (B+) or better in Wesleyan courses that are cross-listed with the Science in Society Program. Students are expected to consult this website for more information:

https://www.wesleyan.edu/sts/for_majors/honors_thesis.html

All rising seniors interested in writing an honors thesis in STS must complete and email this form to Meghan Demanchyk (mdemanchyk@wesleyan.edu) by **May 1, 2026 at 5:00pm**.

Your Name and Preferred Pronouns: _____

STS Double Major/Concentrations: _____

Date: _____

Proposed Thesis Title: _____

Proposed Thesis Abstract: Please provide a 250-word description of your proposed thesis.

Please review examples of STS/SiSP thesis in the library's [Digital Collections](#).

Faculty Advisor: All honors theses must be advised by a core or affiliate SISP faculty member serving as Thesis Advisor (please consult our website for a list). In order to submit this form, you **must** have secured the tentative agreement of this faculty member to serve as your Thesis Advisor. Visiting faculty and faculty on leave cannot advise senior theses. Please list the faculty

member you have consulted and the date and method of consultation with them:

Prospective Thesis Advisor: _____ Date &

method of consultation: _____

Coursework: The best preparation for a thesis in SISP is focused coursework in SISP. Please list the Wesleyan courses (especially Science in Society courses) that have prepared you to carry out your proposed thesis:

| Course | Instructor | Semester/Year Taken | Grade |
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Wesleyan Honors Thesis Research Funding: Many senior theses are carried out with student research fellowships. Have you applied any of the following funding sources to support summer research, fieldwork, archival work, or thesis writing support?

- [Davenport Grant](#)
- [Olin Fellowship](#)
- [Center the Humanities Student Fellowship](#)
- Other: _____

IRB: Does your project involve interviews and/or fieldwork with human subjects? If so, you must clear your proposal with the campus Institutional Review Board (IRB) prior to conducting that research. The purpose of an IRB is to provide a comprehensive standard of protection for human subjects in research. In this context, as stated on the Wesleyan IRB site, “research” is defined as “any systematic investigation designed to contribute to a body of generalized public knowledge,” and the use of “human subjects” refers to “data collection through interaction with individuals or the collection of identifiable private information about individuals.” See the website for more information and deadlines:

<http://www.wesleyan.edu/acad/support/reviewboard.html>.

- My proposed project **does** involve human subjects and I acknowledge I will

need to consult with Wesleyan IRB

My proposed project **does not** involve human subjects (e.g. archival research)