Candidate’s Timetable and Checklist

**Note:** The Honors Designation process is two semesters in length. The following timetable assumes a May graduation date. December graduation date deadlines are indicated in parentheses.

**Fall Semester before May Graduation** (Winter Break/Spring Semester before December graduation)

1. Select honors committee chair and members. _____
2. Meet with chair periodically regarding paper topic and progress of research paper. _____
3. Prepare preliminary outline of research paper; submit it to committee for comments. _____
4. Undertake research. _____

**Spring Semester** (Fall Semester)

1. Register for independent study course (3 credits of POL 499, graded on an S/U basis only). The S/U grade is awarded for work completed in pursuit of the honors designation. _____
2. Submit substantially completed draft of research project paper to the committee no later than March 1st (October 1st). _____
3. Revise research paper to reflect comments of committee members. _____
4. Submit final paper to committee no later than the Monday after spring break, in mid-March (the Monday after the Columbus Day holiday, in mid-October). _____
5. Defend research paper no later than April 15th (November 15th). _____