Overview
In the senior year, students write a thesis or compose a project that integrates their thematic and regional concentrations. Departmental Honors are granted to students who have completed INTL-I406, Honors Capstone Thesis.

Responsibilities of the Honors Thesis Reader
The Honors Thesis Reader:
- Has some expertise related to the student’s proposed thesis topic
- Is a member of the Honors Committee with the Honors Thesis Director and the International Studies Director of Undergraduate Studies
- Provides mentoring and guidance in the progression of INTL-I406, Honors Capstone as needed
- Reads the final draft of the thesis
- Attends the student’s defense
- Consults with the Honors Committee Members to grade the thesis

Responsibilities of the Student
- The student identifies a tentative topic that integrates his or her International Studies thematic concentration and regional concentration
- The student creates a committee that consists of a thesis director, the International Studies Director of Undergraduate Studies, and the Reader
- The student with consultation with his/her mentor produces a senior thesis of approximately 50 pages.
- Upon completion the student provides the Reader and the INTL Director of Undergraduate Studies with a reasonable amount of time to review the rough draft before the defense.
- The student defends his or her thesis to the committee at the end of I406 Honors Capstone class no later than December or May.
- The student earns an A- or better on the thesis to secure departmental Honors.

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