



**PSCI 490 Honors Thesis
Fall 2018**

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COURSE INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS
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Texts and Other Necessities: No texts required; student and professor will use sources as needed for thesis.

University Catalog Description: No description; a thesis readings course work load and assignments are determined by the student's topic and advisor's guidance.

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon completing selected readings, the student will produce and defend an honors thesis proposal. If the student does not complete and defend the thesis during the Fall 2018 semester, the instructor will assign a grade of "I" and the student will defend the proposal in a subsequent semester.

Technology Requirements: The student will need access to the University library's electronic features, as well as to a word processor and printer to prepare the thesis proposal.

Communication: Given the nature of a thesis project, the student has direct and near-unfettered access to the professor as the student completes readings and writes the thesis proposal.

Attendance & Academic Dishonesty: As the course does not meet in a formal and fixed setting, attendance is irrelevant. Although the student might attempt to use plagiarized material, the professor's attentiveness will ensure that cheating and academic dishonesty does not occur. Should the student engage in plagiarism, the professor/advisor may request that the student drop the course and select an alternative topic and advisor.

Code of Student Conduct: *Faculty have the authority to request students who exhibit inappropriate behavior to leave the class and may refer serious offenses to the University Police Department and/or the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.* Failure to comply with the Code of Student Conduct and commonsensical directions listed above may result in a verbal request to cease inappropriate behavior, your immediate removal from the class, being immediately dropped from the class, and/or a review by an appropriate university disciplinary agency. For more information on this subject, please see the Student Guidebook.

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ADA Statement and Student Behavior

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Office of Student Disability Resources and Services in the Gee Library Room 132, call (903) 886-5835, or email StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu.

All students enrolled in the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See the Student Handbook.)

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