

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY**  
**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE HONORS PROGRAM**

Note: Students are not official candidates for honors in STS until they have completed this application, submitted it with their thesis proposal, and had their candidacy approved by the Director of the STS Program. Students must apply to become an honors candidate by the end of the semester before they begin their thesis work, ordinarily at the end of the sixth semester. Students who are abroad in their sixth semester may apply by the end of the second week of the seventh semester instead.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of graduation (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Topic or title of thesis (tentative):

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Have you identified a second reader? If so, please list her or his name:

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Candidate's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Department of the Faculty Member who has agreed to be your thesis advisor:

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Thesis advisor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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To be filled out by the concentration advisor:

This student:

- (1) is in good standing
- (2) has completed at least two thirds of the concentration requirements by the application deadline
- (3) has earned a majority of “A” grades in the concentration. Classes taken S/NC will count as qualifying towards that majority if they are marked “S with distinction” or are accompanied by a [Course Performance Report](#) indicating that had the student taken the course for a grade, the grade would have been an “A.”

Concentration advisor’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a thesis proposal (approximately 5-10 pages), which you should craft in consultation with your thesis advisor.

The thesis proposal should address several issues:

- The topic/question you want to pursue and why it is interesting/important
- Existing scholarship: who else has written about this topic and what is the 'state of the question'?
- Your approach: how is what you are doing different from existing scholarship? Are you examining/collecting new material? Reinterpreting known material by asking new questions? What makes this a Science, Technology, and Society thesis and not a project that could easily be done in another discipline?
- Methodology: how will you answer this question (in less than one year while in residence at Brown!)? What theoretical frameworks, research methodologies, etc., will you use to answer your questions?
- Sources: what materials/evidence will you use in answering your question?
- Preliminary bibliography

Submit this form and a thesis proposal, including bibliography, to:

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