

The American Government Experience

The Honors Project

Students of The American Government Experience may choose to create an authentic project for a political client or issue cause. The goal of this project allows students to connect learning and experience, and incorporate it into a real world situation. Students who successfully complete their Honors Project will receive an "Honors" designation at their graduation.

Project Proposal

The student will submit project proposals at the June class meeting. Proposals must address the issues below:

- I. Political Client or Issue
- II. Purpose of the Project
- III. Work Product to be delivered to the Client
- IV. Resources
- V. Success Measurements

Project Plan

Upon acceptance of the Project Proposal, the student will be required to submit a project plan with a major milestones timeline. Part of the student's evaluation will be their ability to meet their timeline. The plan must address the issues outlined in their project proposal, and any additional elements required by their political client or the instructor.

Project Completion

Completed projects will be evaluated against the success measurements agreed upon by the Student and the Client and Instructor. Projects will be presented at the banquet to be held at the completion of the American Government Experience.

Sample Project Ideas

- Create a 30-second Video Commercial on behalf of a Congressional Candidate, in coordination with that candidate's campaign.
- Prepare and present a speech before the local City or County council regarding a current issue up for vote.
- Conduct an opinion poll on behalf, and in coordination with a national issue organization, and present the results in a report to the organization.
- Organize a letter writing campaign to Congress on a current political issue.