



Public Policy Second Reader Information and Confirmation Form

Public policy majors take a seminar course in the autumn quarter of their fourth year to assist them in the preparation of their BA theses. The preceptor who teaches the course helps the student to form a feasible research question, develop an appropriate methodology, and shape an analytical paper. The preceptor continues to work with the student throughout the year.

Public policy majors are encouraged, but not required, to obtain second readers (beyond the preceptor) for their BA paper. At a minimum, a second reader is expected to read and offer a brief evaluation of the final version of the paper. In many cases, however, we hope that a second reader can become involved at an earlier stage, offering advice and criticism well before the final draft is complete.

Graduation with Special Honors status is granted to students who meet the minimum GPA requirements (3.4 OVERALL) and who complete an Honors BA paper. Evaluations by second readers of the completed paper can include a recommendation for whether the BA merits honors. An acceptable BA paper of any quality should be more comprehensive in both information gathering and analysis than a standard term paper. Papers awarded honors are expected to generate new knowledge, and often include novel data gathering and insightful analysis.

This form confirms your agreement to act as 2nd reader for the student named below. Please return the completed form to the student.

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a reader for Public Policy Studies. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lee Price (lee@uchicago.edu), the Public Policy Administrator.

STUDENT NAME

PRECEPTOR NAME

2ND READER NAME

SIGNATURE

EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER
