

Politics Prizes

- **Prize for the Best Performance at the 300-Level by a POLS Major. Value \$500.**

Criteria: This prize is for the highest average grade in four 300-level POLS papers by a POLS major.

Explanation and clarification: There are complexities that arise when trying to determine the winner of this prize. Please note that it is not a prize for finalists because some students complete four 300-level papers before finishing their degree (such as Law students). Rather, it is for students who complete their fourth 300-level POLS paper in the year of the prize. This means that a student may have completed three of their four papers in the year or two prior to the year in which they are being considered for the prize.

Where students have completed more than four 300-level POLS papers, the best four count.

In cases where the 300-level grade average is exactly the same, then a count-back system operates with the prize being awarded to the student who has the highest grade average in all of their POLS papers at the 100-200 levels.

Where students have completed papers as part of a foreign exchange programme, they become ineligible for the prize. It is too difficult to fairly assess what the grade from a foreign institution would translate into at Otago.

- **Prize for the Best Performance at the 300-Level by a Maori POLS Major Finalist. Value \$500.**

Criteria: This prize is for the highest average grade in four 300-level POLS papers by a Maori POLS major who is a finalist in the year that the prize is being awarded.

Explanation and clarification: This is determined on the basis of the performance in four 300-level POLS papers by a student who is Maori and a finalist in the year that the prize is being awarded.

Unfortunately the deadline for applications by Maori students for the Summer Scholarship is currently set in the middle of the examination period, that is, before second semester results have been determined. We need to identify our top Maori students as soon as possible and encourage them to apply.
