Sigma Iota Rho (SIR) is a national honorary society for International and Area Studies majors and minors. In order to foster a community of like-minded IAS students and faculty, the Washington University chapter of SIR promotes international issues through: community outreach, a human rights film festival, an internationally-focused magazine, faculty/student current events dinners, and inter-member social events. Membership in the organization confers Eliot Honors at commencement*.

Membership in a national honor society is a worthy distinction in itself and also gives students the opportunity for valuable leadership experience as chapter officers or organizers of activities. It also allows members to submit papers for publication to The Journal of International Relations, and to wear honor cords and the SIR pin at graduation.

**Activities:** In conjunction with the IAS Program, members of the WU SIR Honorary Society will help implement on and off campus international programming by joining one of the following committees (committee service is for one academic year):

- Community SIRvice Committee
- Communications Committee
- International Human Rights Film Festival Committee
- International Relief and Outreach Committee
- Networking Committee
- Town Hall Committee

IAS has funding to underwrite these events.

**Requirements:** Once you have been accepted into the Honor Society, you will be expected to attend all meetings and a minimum of three SIR events per semester. Through your committee work, you are expected to contribute to at least one SIR initiative. We reserve the right to withhold honors if you do not meet attendance and participation requirements.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 within the major and 3.2 overall, must be of Junior or Senior standing, and have completed at least 21 hours of coursework within the IAS major or in related studies including two courses at the 300 or 400 level. There is a one-time fee of $45 for membership to the national honorary society.

**Adjunct Membership:** If you are interested in being involved in the Honor Society, but you are a freshman or sophomore or have not declared a major or minor in IAS, you may apply to be an adjunct member of the society. Adjunct members are involved in committees, meetings and events but they are precluded from certain honor society votes and elections. To secure full membership once junior status is achieved, adjunct members must pay dues and comply with eligibility standards as explained above.

**How to Apply:** Fill out the application on the back side of this form and e-mail washusir@gmail.com to schedule an interview with a member of the executive board. Interviews are informal and last approximately 5-10 minutes. Please bring your completed application with you to the interview.

If you have any questions, please contact Robin Meyer at rameyer@artsci.wustl.edu or 314-935-8602
For more information about the National Honorary please see: www.sigmaiotarho.org

* Eliot Honors differs from Latin Honors that require a minimal grade point average and a thesis. However, students writing a thesis for Latin Honors are welcome to pursue both honors.
International & Area Studies Honorary
Sigma Iota Rho
Application

Please bring your completed application with you to your interview.

Name: ____________________________ Class: ____________________________

Phone #: ____________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Other Majors/Minors: ____________________________ ____________________________

IAS Track (or area of interest if general): ____________________________

Overall/Major GPA: ____________________________

The following are Committee initiatives:

- Community SIRvice Committee
- Communications Committee
- International Human Rights Film Festival Committee
- International Relief and Outreach Committee
- Networking Committee
- Town Hall Committee

What committee would you like to be involved in?

1st Choice: ____________________________

2nd Choice: ____________________________

3rd Choice: ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________