

***Clocks and Clouds* Editorial Review Board Information Spring 2012**

Clocks and Clouds is an undergraduate research journal at American University that publishes articles in political science, international affairs, and public policy. Members of the editorial review board assess submissions to *Clocks and Clouds* and advise the editor on selecting articles for publication. Serving as a reviewer is a premiere opportunity for students to build valuable research and writing skills, and to demonstrate these skills to graduate schools and employers. Any American University undergraduate student interested in the subject matter is eligible to apply, regardless of class standing or previous experience. **Candidates should complete the online application form at <http://bit.ly/w4CTwz>. Applications are due on Sunday, February 5th at 11:59 PM.**

What do peer reviewers do? As a peer-reviewed journal, *Clocks and Clouds* depends on student reviewers to assess the quality of work. After an article is submitted to the journal, the editorial staff forward an anonymous copy to three student reviewers who are knowledgeable on the subject and the research methodology of the submission. These peer reviewers each read the article, assess its theoretical, organizational, and methodological strength, and provide the editorial staff with comments and a recommendation: publish the article, publish the article with revisions, reject the article but reconsider it with revisions, or reject the article. The editor uses these comments (along with the judgment of the staff) to determine which articles to publish. Peer review allows the editor to make more informed judgments by providing a broad range of opinions from people with different backgrounds and perspectives.

How much work do peer reviewers do? Peer reviewers are expected to provide thorough and substantial comments on a 4000-8000-word paper in their area of expertise; initial reviews are conducted in mid-February. If the editor requests and receives revisions from the authors, reviewers may be asked to reassess the original work in mid-March. In addition, reviewers are required to attend a two-hour training session at the beginning of the semester. The Spring 2012 production schedule is as follows:

Reviewer training session: Saturday, February 4th, 1:00 PM
Reviewer training session: Sunday, February 12th, 1:00 PM
Submissions due: Sunday, February 12th, 11:59 PM
Initial decisions sent to authors: Monday, February 27th
Revisions due: Sunday, March 19th, 11:59 PM
Final decisions sent to authors: Monday, April 2nd
Journal is released: Friday, April 27th

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