

Program Change Request

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Catalog Pages Using this Program Journalism (JOUR)

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Academic Level Undergraduate

Select a reason for the proposed change: Making Minor Changes to an Existing Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/graduation requirements, adding Focused Study)

Program Status **Active**

Academic Unit **Major/Field of Study-**
Are you adding, changing or deleting a concentration? **No-**

Action	Proposed Code	Proposed Name

Are you adding, changing or deleting a track? **No-**

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Are you adding, changing or deleting a focused study? **No-**

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Effective Catalog Year Fall **2017** ~~2014~~

College, School, Division Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Department Code Department of Journalism (JOUR)

Program Code JOUR Dept Honors

Degree Not Applicable

CIP Code 09.0401 - Journalism.

Program Title Journalism Departmental Honors

Method of Delivery **On Campus-**

Is this program interdisciplinary or use courses from another College? **No**

Does this change the total hours needed to complete the program? **Yes**
From: **12-** to: **13-** hours

Program Requirements, Description and 8-Semester Plan

Requirements for ~~Departmental~~ Honors in Journalism

The Journalism Honors Program gives ~~upper-division~~ undergraduates a chance to pursue journalistic research in the context of other academic disciplines. Honors candidates carry out independent study and research under the guidance of the journalism faculty and participate in honors classes in journalism and at least one other discipline. Outstanding student achievement will be recognized by the award of distinction "Journalism Scholar *Cum Laude*" at graduation. Higher degree distinctions are recommended only in cases of exceptional achievement and are based on the candidate's total honors studies program. To be considered for such distinctions, students must earn a minimum cumulative 3.50 grade-point average in journalism.

Journalism Departmental **and College** Honors students must **complete a minimum of 13 hours** ~~satisfy the general Fulbright College honors requirements as stated elsewhere in~~ **honors credits and a thesis.** ~~this catalog. In addition, for journalism departmental honors, they must complete a minimum of 12 hours in honors credits, with thesis credit determined by departmental rules.~~ These requirements are specified as follows:

Journalism **Departmental** ~~Four-Year~~ and **College** ~~Departmental~~ Honors students must:

1. Enter the program no later than the first semester of their junior year, and register for **JOUR 498VH Honors Journalism Writing Requirement** ~~thesis~~ beginning with the first semester of the junior year,
2. **Take at least 1 credit of JOUR 498VH every fall and spring semester of the junior and senior year,**
3. Complete at least one journalism honors colloquium,
4. Complete the journalism honors core research course **JOUR 4943H (offered every spring semester only),** ~~JOUR 4943H,~~
5. Complete an approved honors colloquium in a second discipline,
6. Complete and orally defend an honors thesis based on honors courses of study, and
7. Earn **an overall** ~~a~~ cumulative 3.50 grade-point average **and a cumulative 3.50 grade-point average** in journalism courses.

In addition, journalism majors pursuing college honors must also satisfy all requirements for the Fulbright College Four-Year Honors Program and the Honors Core Curriculum for a Bachelor of Arts found elsewhere ~~students who would like to major in this catalog. journalism must meet all requirements for Journalism Department Honors.~~

More specific information on the ~~Journalism Departmental Honors program, including the~~ requirements for **honors in Journalism** ~~Four-Year Honors students,~~ is available from the Journalism Department Honors adviser.

Are Similar Programs available in the area? **No**

Estimated Student Demand for Program: **Same-**

Scheduled Program Review Date: **Not Applicable-**

Program Goals and Objectives: **Same as existing-**

Learning Outcomes: **Same as existing-**

Honors students will be required to take one credit of JOUR 498VH each semester during the junior and senior year. We are asking to require this so the Honors adviser and/or a student's thesis adviser can require work toward completing the thesis each semester when students are working on the thesis. This allows the Honors and/or thesis adviser to assign an appropriate amount of work each semester, tailored to each individual student, to aid them in making progress on and completing the thesis. It also ensures regular contact between the department Honors adviser, the thesis adviser and each honors student in Journalism.

For example, in the first semester of the junior year students start writing the literature review and an

Description and justification of the request:

annotated bibliography, typically working with the Honors adviser until they have a thesis adviser. In the second semester of the junior year (typically spring) students take the required research methods course. By taking one credit of JOUR 498VH then, it allows students to continue developing the literature review in more depth while developing the methods section of the thesis proposal in the research methods course. In the senior year students conduct the study, then analyze the data, write the results and discussion, etc., so the one credit each semester in the senior year is fulfilled by completing tasks related to defending and completing the thesis.

We have found in using a system like this that more students progress through honors in a timely fashion, avoiding "last minute" attempts at completing a thesis. Students take more time to think through and develop a thesis and it breaks the thesis process into manageable steps. Using an approach like this typically results in a higher quality thesis, whatever the student's level of distinction (summa, magna or cum laude). That is why we are asking to formalize this 1 credit hour of JOUR 498VH in the fall and spring semester of the junior and senior year. We have seen that this type of system is effective in guiding honors students to complete and successfully defend an honors thesis.

Program reviewer comments

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