Requirements for Departmental Honors in Criminal Justice: The Departmental Honors Program in Criminal Justice is an upper-division course of study based on a topic in the area of criminal justice. To be eligible for criminal justice honors candidacy, students normally will have completed 28 semester hours and not more than 85 semester hours with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5. They must take 12 hours (which may include 6 hours of thesis) in Honors Studies. The honors project may be an intensive study of a topic in criminal justice or an empirical research investigation. The candidate is expected to pass an oral examination given by an Honors Council Committee. Projects of extraordinarily high quality may be designated High Honors by the Committee. Successful completion of the requirements will be recognized by the award of the distinction “Criminal Justice Scholar Cum Laude” at graduation. Higher degree distinctions are recommended only in truly exceptional cases and are based upon the whole of the candidate’s program of honors studies.