Requirements for Departmental Honors in Economics: The Departmental Honors program provides upper-division students the opportunity to engage in independent study or research under the guidance of an individual member of the faculty. In addition to satisfying the general college requirements for the bachelor’s degree with honors, honors candidates in economics are required to complete and orally defend an honors thesis based upon independent study under ECON 399VH (for 3 to 6 hours) and to have a minimum grade-point average of 3.5. Outstanding student achievement will be recognized by awarding the bachelor’s degree with the distinction “Economics Scholar Cum Laude.” Higher distinctions may be awarded to truly outstanding students based upon the whole of their academic program and quality of honors research.