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 Honors students must satisfy the general Fulbright College honors requirements as stated elsewhere in 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 Four-Year and Departmental Honors students must:
1. enter the program no later than the first semester of their junior year, and register for thesis beginning with the first semester of the junior year,
2. complete at least one journalism honors colloquium,
3. complete the journalism honors core research course JOUR 5043,
4. complete an approved honors colloquium in a second discipline,
5. complete and orally defend an honors thesis based on honors courses of study, and
6. earn a cumulative 3.50 grade-point average in journalism courses.