

USC Annenberg School of Communication Honors Program

Fall 2016-2017 Catalogue Requirements

In order to be selected into the Communication Honors Program, you must meet the criteria listed below. Your application packet will be submitted to Annenberg Advisement and Academic Services (ASC 140). Selection is merit based and you will be notified about being admitted to the program by email.

Application Requirements

1. Be a declared Communication major.
2. Have a 3.5 cumulative USC GPA and a 3.5 in all Communication courses taken.
3. Completed the core and methods requirements. Core courses are based on the catalogue year you entered USC. Please refer to the USC catalogue for specific list of courses. **Note:** Students who are completing the core and methods requirements in spring 2017 are eligible to apply.
4. Submit one sealed letter of recommendation from a Communication faculty member. The nominating letter may or may not come from the faculty member who directs your thesis.
5. Submit a two-page essay (double spaced) addressing the following three questions: 1) why do you want to pursue the honors program (i.e., how does it relate to your current and future ambitions); 2) what topics or areas of inquiry are you interested in exploring (be as specific as possible, topics are non-binding); 3) what faculty members (list up to three) would you be interested in working with on your thesis and why would they be a good fit for your topic (must address faculty members areas of expertise only; see ASCJ website for faculty profiles). Due to demand, you may or may not be able to work with the faculty member listed as your top choice in your essay.

The Honors Track

You must complete the following courses:

1. COMM 495 – Honors Seminar (4 units, fall) *Recommended Preparation: COMM 301*
2. COMM 497 – Honors Thesis (4 units, spring)

Note:

- Required courses cannot be taken concurrently.
- Students may also work with a professor to customize a 400-level COMM course for honors status in place of COMM 495. This will be addressed after the applicant is admitted to the program and chooses to pursue this option.
- Students must receive at least a B+ or higher in the two honors courses.
- Completion of these courses does not guarantee departmental honors. You must also maintain a 3.5 cumulative and COMM GPA in order to graduate with Communication honors.

Name: _____ Student I.D. #: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Expected Graduation Date: Fall / Spring / Summer 20 ____

This application form, a hard copy of your essay, and a sealed letter of recommendation should be turned in to Annenberg Advisement and Academic Services (ASC 140) by April 7, 2017.