School of Communication Honors Program

Admission Requirements

To be admitted into candidacy for an honors degree in Communication Studies (including Communication Education), Mass Communication, Journalism, or Public Relations a student:

1. Must be a member of the university honors program;
2. File an application for school honors;
3. Must be a major or minor of at least sophomore standing;
4. Must have completed 9 semester hours of course work in the major;
5. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.3 overall and 3.5 in the major;
6. Must have the written recommendation of at least one school faculty member;
7. Must have the approval of the School of Communication Director of Honors.

Requirements for Completion

To graduate with an Honors degree in one of the School of Communication majors, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Must have completed the general requirements for a major in Communication Studies (including Communication Education), Mass Communication, Journalism, or Public Relations;
2. Maintain the admission qualifications or minimum GPA to the end of the senior year;
3. Must have completed a minimum of 9 semester hours of honors-level work in one of the School's majors including each of the following:
   b. One Honors Seminar offered by the school OR one course with 3-hours in-course honors credit within the School of Communication.
   c. Honors Independent Study (COM 299) or Undergraduate Thesis (IDS 395), completed with a public presentation and a grade of ‘A’, 3 semester hours.

A waiver of one or more of the above requirements for completion may be granted in specific cases with the approval of Dr. Larry W. Long, Director of the School of Communication.

For further information, please contact Dr. Penelope Newton Long, Honors Coordinator, School of Communication (pnlong@ilstu.edu). To make an appointment with Dr. Penelope Long, please call 309-438-7080.
Application for Departmental Honors
School of Communication

Name ___________________________ Date: ____________________

Contact Information:

Phone ___________________________________________

E-mail ________________________________@ilstu.edu

Student Identification Number (UID) _______________________________________

Hours Earned_____ Member of ISU Honors Program? Yes ____ No _____

I am requesting admission to the Departmental Honors Program. My academic major is:

_____ Mass Communication (___ Interactive Media; ___ Radio; ___ TV)

_____ Journalism (___ Broadcast; ___ News Editorial; ___ Visual COM

_____ Public Relations

_____ Communication Studies

_____ Communication Education

Current Cumulative GPA _________

Current Major GPA _________

Communication courses completed thus far (indicate which courses were in-course honors):

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Anticipated date of graduation: ______________________

Letters of Recommendation have been requested from:

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Please return letters of recommendation and this form to Dr. Penelope Newton Long, Honors Coordinator, Fell 442, Box 4480, School of Communication (438-7080), pnlong@ilstu.edu)