

Journalism and Technical Communication Honors Scholar Program (Track 2)

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The Journalism and Technical Communication Honors Scholar program (Track 2) is intended for committed Technical Journalism majors with a strong academic record who are seeking a more intellectually rigorous education. The Honors Program at Colorado State is the program of choice for academically talented students who want a superb education. An Honors education at Colorado State offers the best of both worlds—small enough to provide individual attention and large enough to offer a spectacular diversity of people, perspectives, and programs.

About the University Honors Program

The University Honors Program has three possible entry points. Most students enter the program as freshmen, pursuing either the University Honors Scholar program (Track 1), or the Discipline Honors Scholar program (Track 2). Students transferring from another academic institution to CSU may be invited to apply for admission into Track 2 if they meet credit and GPA requirements. In addition, CSU students who are currently enrolled at CSU and first-semester freshmen who decline Track 1 may also be invited to apply for admission into Track 2. All students applying to Track 2 after their first year must meet minimum GPA requirements and admission criteria established by their departments to be considered for the UHP.

Benefits of being an Track 2 Honors Scholar

Track 2 Honors students receive the same benefits as Track 1 students. They are eligible to live in the Academic Village or Honors floors in Newsom Residence Hall, join the Honors Student Associate (HSA), attend and participate in all Honors events sponsored by the Honors Program and HAS, enroll in special Honors sections of regular courses, apply for Honors Program enrichment awards, receive advising in the Honors Program office, and register early.

Other benefits include:

- An enriched program of studies at no extra cost
- Increased faculty-to-student interaction through research opportunities
- Early registration for all courses
- Special recognition at graduation and Discipline Honors Scholar designation on transcript and diploma
- A tremendously satisfying opportunity to complete an independent, creative Senior Honors Thesis that allows you to go a step beyond being a good student, contribute to the journalism and technical communication field, and engage in the spirit of what it means to be a true scholar

Track 2 Honors Scholar eligibility

Track 2 is well suited for outstanding students who have completed many general education requirements and wish to focus on upper division Honors experiences in their majors.

- **First year students (freshmen)** who choose not to pursue the University Honors Program (Track 1).
- **Current majors** who have completed at least 30 credits and have a 3.5 GPA or higher.
- **Transfer students** who have been directly admitted into the Technical Journalism major with 45-75 credits and a 3.5 transfer GPA or higher.

Track 2 Honors Scholar requirements

Track 2 does *not* require additional credits and all coursework will count towards Technical Journalism major requirements. IU and HONR courses count toward the 65 credits in College of Liberal Arts /Natural Sciences.

- ✓ Maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA each academic year
- ✓ Earn 3.5 (3.456) cumulative GPA at graduation
- ✓ Complete 16-17 credits in specific Honors coursework

How to apply

The online application for current CSU students and transfer students is available at http://wsprod.colostate.edu/cwis49/ProgramApp/T2_0506newapp.cfm.

More information

If you are eligible and would like to learn more about the Journalism and Technical Communication Honors Scholar Program, please contact Rebecca Allen at Rebecca.Allen@colostate.edu or call 970-491-5484 or the University Honors Program at honors@colostate.edu or 970-491-5679.

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J&TC Honors Scholar (Track 2) requirements (16/17 credits)

Students must earn a cumulative 3.5 (3.456) GPA at graduation, complete an honors thesis, and complete the same number of credits required for the JTC major and declared concentration. 16-17 credits must be in specific coursework outlined below. Students admitted to Track 2 as first-semester freshmen will complete 17 credits and need to take IU 193H. All other Track 2 students will complete 16 credits and do not take IU 193H. All IU and HONR courses count towards the 65 credits in the College of Liberal Arts/Natural Sciences (II.E.)

IU 193H Freshmen Seminar (first-semester freshmen only)	1 credit
HONR 399 Honors Pre-Thesis (Junior year)	1 credit
HONR 499 Senior Honors Thesis (Senior year)	3 credits

*One Designated Honors course**

JTC 471 Communication Research Methods (Junior year) <i>Fulfills the Upper Division Concept Course requirement (II.A.)</i>	3 credits
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One Graduate-level course

Any JTC 500-level course <i>Fulfills the JTC Elective requirement</i> <i>JTC 500 not allowed</i>	3 credits
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*Two Honors Option courses**

Any JTC course <i>Recommended: JTC 411 or JTC 415 to fulfill Law or Ethics requirement (II.A.). JTC 484, 487, 495 not allowed.</i>	3 credits
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Specific JTC course within student's concentration <i>Fulfills a specific requirement in declared concentration</i>	3 credits
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Computer-Mediated Communication Concentration (choose one)

JTC 335 Digital Photojournalism
JTC 365 Computer Mediated Communication Foundations
JTC 373 Digital Promotion Management

News-Editorial Concentration (choose one)

JTC 320 Reporting
JTC 328 Feature Writing
JTC 361 Writing for Specialized Magazines
JTC 461 Writing about Science, Health and Environment

Public Relations Concentration (choose one)

JTC 351 Public Relations Practices
JTC 353 Public Relations Campaigns

Specialized and Technical Communication Concentration (choose one)

JTC 361 Writing for Specialized Magazines
JTC 461 Writing about Science, Health and Environment
JTC 464 Technical Writing

Television News and Video Communication Concentration (choose one)

JTC 341 Broadcast News
JTC 343 Advanced Television News Production
JTC 345 Electronic Field Production
JTC 544 Corporate and Institutional Media Production

* Designated Track 2 Honors course (JTC 471) and elected Honors Option courses require an additional enriching academic experience agreed upon by the instructor and student.