

Expectations for Ernie Pyle Scholars

IU Journalism in The Media School

Activities required for School Honors Certification

General Requirements (each semester)

- Maintain a 3.2 cumulative Grade Point Average¹
- Earn a grade higher than C in all courses in the journalism major
- Participate in student or professional media
- Attend two of three lectures in Media School Speaker Series²

Complete a minimum of three journalism honors courses below³:

- MSCH-H 110 Fall semester, freshman year
- MSCH-H 225 Spring semester, freshman year
- MSCH-H 300 Fall semester, sophomore year
- MSCH-H 410 Fall semester, junior year

Complete one of the following two journalism honors courses:⁴

- MSCH-H 461⁵ (Capstone): Senior year
- MSCH-H 499 (Independent study) Senior year

Participate in special honors travel opportunities⁶:

- Regional media trip: Spring semester, freshman year
- National media trip: Spring break, sophomore year
- International study trip: Summer, sophomore year or any other year⁷

¹ See also "Probation and Dismissal Policy."

² The class mentor may substitute other lectures or events if the speaker series conflicts with a class or an excused absence is warranted (illness, family emergency).

³ MSCH-H 225, 300 and 410 can be taken in a later year if space in these honors sections is available.

⁴ Honors students will be expected to take the capstone course unless excused from the course by the class mentor. Early graduation or a conflict between the capstone course and a course required for graduation are examples of reasons for being excused from the capstone. Exemption from the capstone is at the discretion of the class mentor. If exempted, honors students should take H 499 to complete this requirement. Note: both MSCH-H 461 and MSCH-H 499 may be taken if desired.

⁵ A capstone course is a requirement of the major. Because the content will vary depending on the design of the course, the capstone may count as a skills class or a research elective. This decision will be left to the class mentor who will teach the course.

⁶ Summer in London is a central feature of the honors program and fulfills the travel requirement, but it is not a required travel event. The International Study requirement may also be met by completing any international course resulting in IU credit approved in advance by the class mentor.

⁷ Students may sign up for Media School travel courses at any time during their academic career if space is available. The School provides supplemental funding for only one MSCH-418 travel course.