UC San Diego

Department of Communication
Honors Program Information Session
What is the Senior Honors Program? Why Take Up the Challenge?

• Dive deeply into a topic of personal interest to you
• Learn how to conduct rigorous, in-depth and original research
• Experiment working with different research methodologies
• Get a taste for graduate school
• Develop skills for careers in policy and marketing research
• Direct and produce a documentary (or other media)
Prepare for Graduate School, Careers in Policy and Marketing Research, or Media Production

• Work one on one with a faculty mentor and course instructor
• Work in a small group of supportive and collaborative peers
• Learn to present, explain and defend your research
• Build confidence in your intellectual abilities
Distinguish Yourself!!

- Build confidence in your intellectual abilities
- Develop data collection, interviewing and transcription skills
- Learn to manage a large project
- Graduate with departmental distinction
- Build an ongoing connection with a professor (hint: letters of recommendation)
2019-2020 Topics

- Art and Artificial Intelligence
- Geotagging and Tourism
- Geopolitics and Tourism
- Social Media and Time-Space Compression/Acceleration

- TikTok and Self Presentation
- Undocumented Students, Higher Education and Access to Technology
- LGBTQ+ Students, Higher Education, and Social Media
- Marriage in the Armenian Diaspora
The girls at the rock show: Gender Inequality in Pop Punk

Selling Something Social: The Relationship Between Touch, Advertising, and Society

The Misclassification of Native Advertising: Liberating the Forbidden Love-Child of Commercial and Editorial Content

Water Politics in the San Joaquin Valley

The Revolution and Media: Stories from Pre-Islamic Republic Iran

Power of Pockets: A Gendered Container Technology

Assessing the Roots and Symptoms of Platform Workers’ and Content Moderators’ Burnout in The Information Society

Stating Statehood: Using the Lens of the Catalanian Referendum to Examine the Frustrations for Autonomy

The Image Project

Countering Stereotypes of African American Men in the Media

What’s the Story, Mother? A Feminist Film Analysis of the Alien Quadrilogy
Small Seminar Format: 3 Course Sequence

1. Fall 2020: COMM 196A
2. Winter 2021: COMM 196B
3. Spring 2021: COMM 199H
196A Fall 2020 with Course Instructor
Must receive a B+ in the course to enroll in 196B

- INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS
- FULL RESEARCH PROPOSAL
- FACULTY ADVISER-STUDENT MENTEE MEETINGS
- COLLEGIAL PEER REVIEW
196B Winter 2021 with Course Instructor

- CONDUCTING RESEARCH
- FACULTY ADVISER-STUDENT MENTEE MEETINGS
- COLLEGIAL PEER REVIEW
199H Spring 2021 Honors Independent Study with Faculty Advisor

- THESIS WRITING
  - Writing Intensive Quarter
  - Completion of 40-50 page Thesis
  - Presentation of Final Project to Department of Communication
  - Presentation of Final Project to student conferences and film festivals (Optional)
Honors Program Timeline

- Monday, April 20th by 11:59pm
  - Honors application due date

- Early May
  - Selection committee decisions are released

- Fall Quarter 2020
  - COMM 196A

- Winter Quarter 2021
  - COMM 196B

- Spring Quarter 2021
  - COMM 199H

- June 2021
  - Graduate with distinction in the major as Department Honors
Honors Program Application Elements:

• Application Form

• Faculty-Student Support Agreement Form

• Project Proposal

• Writing Sample

• Honors Student Assessment Form
ANY QUESTIONS?
Further Questions?

Check out our website @
http://communication.ucsd.edu/undergraduate/honors-program/index.html

Make an appointment with
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