The University Scholars Program offers particularly gifted and highly motivated students the opportunity and the challenge of integrating their undergraduate and graduate courses of study in a single continuous program culminating in both a baccalaureate and a master's degree.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Undergraduate students who have completed at least 90 credit hours (can be in progress).
- Students’ undergraduate majors must be communication, journalism, integrated strategic communication or media arts and studies.
- Undergraduate GPA average must be at least 3.5 in the major, and a 3.2 overall.

**IDEAL TIMELINE?**

Ideally, students interested in beginning the University Scholars Program the first semester of their senior year, should submit their application sometime during the second semester of their junior year.

**APPLICATION PROCESS?**

Applicants wishing to pursue the University Scholar’s program must apply through the Graduate School’s new online [ApplyYourself Application](http://www.ApplyYourself). For more information visit: ci.uky.edu/grad.
- Indicate on the application under "Plan of Study" that you are applying for the University Scholars Program for Communication.
- At the time of application, students must indicate the date they have registered to take the GRE (must be within 6 months of applying).
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, therefore there is no application deadline.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?**

Tuition and financial aid during the first year of the program (the University Scholars’ fourth year at UK) is still covered by previously awarded undergraduate funding, at the cost of undergraduate credit hours.
- University Scholars are eligible to apply for assistantships their second and final year in the program.
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Six credit hours each semester of the first year of the program (12 total), will serve as dual-credit courses—counting both towards your undergraduate and graduate degrees.

The following courses are suggested to fulfill these 12 hours:

- Any 500-level COM, JOU, ISC or MAS course with prior approval from both the instructor and the Associate Dean for Graduate Programs
- CJT 651 Communication Theory
- EDP 557 Gathering and Analyzing Statistics
- CJT 664 Qualitative Communication Research Methods
- CJT 665 Quantitative Communication Research Methods

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