

Pathway of Distinction

Curricular

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Communication Department will evaluate the mentored research based on the research submitted by the student and input from their mentor.

OR

Internship

- Internships could be internal or external to UL Lafayette. CMCN 490 would count. Must be approved by Communications Department during final year of study.

8. Dissemination

Presentation at a departmental, university, regional, national, or international conference

OR

Publication submissions (2-3 publications)

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10. Dissemination Part 1

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11. Dissemination Part 2

Presentation at a regional, national, or international conference.

- Must be oral or poster presentation. Must also be a different conference than the Dissemination Part 1 requirement.

OR

Honors Thesis

OR

Manuscript submission

- Student must co-author with a faculty member.