



Honours Bachelor of Arts

Honours is a fourth year of study that allows you to focus your BA studies on a research area of your choice.

OVERVIEW

You will learn about research—what research means, the different ways people do research, and communicate their research. As part of your year you will carry out a research project of your own, with the help of your supervisor. This is called a thesis.

WHY TAKE HONOURS?

- Gain a competitive edge in your career
- Show employers you can go the extra mile
- Expand your expertise and explore your passion
- Prepare for postgraduate study
- Move to a teaching career in your field of study

WHAT IS A THESIS?

A thesis is an extended piece of writing. You will establish a research question that you answer. This helps you the opportunity to:

- go Beyond the Essay
- ask important questions
- find your own answers

An Honours thesis allows you to skill up as a researcher. At the end of Honours you will have produced a piece of work that is genuinely yours. Something you can publish or show, and that showcases your ideas, skills and accomplishments.

WHO CAN TAKE HONOURS?

It can vary from discipline to discipline, but in general terms you need to have done a major or degree in the same discipline with a GPA of at least 5.25 over second and third year.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR HONOURS?

First thing you'll need to find is a supervisor. This is the person who guides you in writing your thesis. Your supervisor is an academic with expertise in your area of interest. How do you find your supervisor? Watch out



for CHASS Honours Information sessions in October, where staff will be available to discuss your research plans. Otherwise, contact the Major coordinator for your area who will be able to assist you. Discuss your ideas with your supervisor. Once you've identified and met with your supervisor, you can apply through the Student System (go to 'my applications' on the top menu).

WHAT TOPICS WILL I TAKE?

As well as your thesis, which is spread over the whole year, every honours student takes two core course work topics:

- Understanding Research Methods in the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (S1)
- Research Communication in Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (S2)

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You will also take two electives from the following list, usually linked to your discipline and/or your thesis research:

- HIST7057 Making History: Current Directions in Historiography
- HIST7056 Critical Theory: Past and Present
- INDG 9000 Indigenous Research Methodologies
- SOCI7031 Research Design: Principles and Practices
- ENGL7702 Reading Literature, Reading the World
- PHIL7340 Creativity and Imagination
- HASS7002 Special Honours Project in Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
- HASS7000 Industry or Community Placement in Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

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Not sure where your research interests sit?

Contact the CHASS Honours coordinator for more information.

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