

## Important Course Information for Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

### Course Overview

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) is a one-year Full time (or Part time equivalent) course in which students deepen their intellectual engagement with the discipline area of their undergraduate Arts major and complete a major research project (thesis) or creative practice project in that same discipline area. The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) can be taken after completing the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts double degrees, Bachelor of Creative Arts, Bachelor of Visual Arts and Design, Bachelor of Global Studies, Bachelor of International Development, Bachelor of Youth Work (at the required achievement level).

### The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) comprises three parts:

1. A compulsory research methodology unit, HUMA402 Introduction to Thesis Research and Design (10 credit points).
2. Two Honours-level advanced coursework units (10cp each) in your specialisation.
3. Thesis unit for each semester you are enrolled in the degree. These units represent the thesis or creative practice/dissertation elements of your degree and will total 50cp.

You will enrol in these units at ACU as either National Multi-mode or National Online scheduled. See [BA \(Honours\) Course Enrolment Guide](#) > Unit offerings >> “2026 Advanced coursework and thesis units for BA (Honours) (PDF)” for more information.

### Honours Supervisors

During your Honours candidature you will complete a research project supervised by an academic with expertise in the disciplinary field you will work in. Your supervisor may be on the campus you study at, or interstate.

Honours supervisors are allocated by the Head of School or delegate.

The Honours Course Coordination team <[NSAHonours@acu.edu.au](mailto:NSAHonours@acu.edu.au)> will discuss your proposed area of study to ensure that the National School of Arts can provide a supervisor in the area. You may be asked to discuss your ideas with another academic or modify your topic to ensure supervision compatibility. Students will normally be advised who their supervisor will be prior to the start of semester.

### Creative Practice Thesis

The traditional research thesis consists of manuscript between 12,000 and 15,000 words including footnotes, but excluding bibliography; or

The creative thesis comprises a creative work (composition, performance, exhibition, or other approved work), accompanied by a critical analysis and exposition of 6,000-7,500 words; or

The creative project and the exegesis, together are equivalent to the Honours research thesis. The creative project will demonstrate work of a high standard with the possibility of being performed, exhibited or otherwise presented to the public. It will also need to be

innovative and critically challenging, showing that students have engaged in a lively dialogue between theoretical ideas and production practices. The project needs to demonstrate the student's creative expertise and professional skill.

### **Procedure for students who wish to undertake Honours in Philosophy, Study of Religions or Theology**

To be eligible to apply for admission to the Honours degree course, a student must:

- have completed a major comprising at least 8 units in the discipline of the Honours course;
- bring forward, for the attention of the relevant Course Coordinator in the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, a copy of their academic transcript for review;
- identify themselves to the relevant Course Coordinator in their own school, and then to the Course Coordinator for the Bachelor of Theology course in the Faculty of Theology & Philosophy, by the end of semester 2 of the year prior to anticipated enrolment in the Honours course;
- supply for the attention of the Course Coordinator, Faculty of Theology & Philosophy, a 500-word thesis statement that identifies the general research question they wish to pursue, along with a select bibliography.

### **Cross-Institutional Study**

See [BA \(Honours\) Course Enrolment Guide](#) > Course information >> “2026 Cross institutional study units FAQ (PDF)” for more information.

### **Further Information**

Enrolled but need more information? Please consult the BA (Honours) Coordinator.

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