

## **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. From 2019, 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 or the 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. One 'thesis' or 'creative practice' unit for each semester you are enrolled in the degree. These units represent the thesis or creative practice elements of your degree, and will total 50cp.
3. Two Honours-level coursework units (10cp each) in your Honours discipline.
4. You will enrol in these units as either:
  - online at ACU
  - a cross-institutional student at another university, either on campus or online

Or, when available for particular disciplines:

- An ACU NSA overseas intensive study tour
- An honours level internship

## **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 course coordinator will discuss your proposed area of study to ensure that the 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.

Important Course Information for BA (Hons)

**Disciplines that take Honours students for major research projects (theses):**

Discipline	Brisbane	Melbourne	North Sydney	Strathfield
Drama	Available	Available	Available	Available
Economics		Available		Available
English/Literature	Available	Available	Available	Available
Geography				Available
History	Available	Available	Available	Available
International Development Studies		Available		
Mathematics		Available		Available
Media (theory)		Available		
Music	Available	Available		
Philosophy	Available	Available	Available	Available
Politics and International Relations		Available	Available	
Sociology	Available	Available	Available	Available
Study of Religions*	Available	Available	Available	Available
Theological Studies*	Available	Available	Available	Available

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Discipline	Brisbane	Melbourne	North Sydney	Strathfield
Visual Arts	Available	Available	Available	Available

\*Students may do Honours in Study of Religions or Theological Studies within the Bachelor of Arts following approval from both the School of Arts and the School of Theology and Philosophy.

### Disciplines that take Honours students for Creative Practice projects:

Discipline	Brisbane	Melbourne	North Sydney	Strathfield
Drama	Available	Available	Available	Available
English/Literature	Available	Available	Available	Available
Media		Available		
Music	Available	Available		
Visual Arts	Available	Available	Available	Available

The creative project and the exegesis, together, replace the Honours 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 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;

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- That eligible students 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;
- That eligible and interested students identify themselves to the relevant Course Coordinator in their own school, and then to the Course Coordinator for the B.Theol course in the Faculty of Theology & Philosophy by the end of semester 2 of the year prior to anticipated enrolment in the Honours course;
- That eligible and interested students 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.

### **Course work units offered by the National School of Arts**

\*The National School of Arts will normally offer one interdisciplinary course work unit online each year.

In 2020 the National School of Arts will also offer:

- an Honours intensive study tour in Oxford for 5 Honours students in History or Politics and International Relations (subject to approval). Places are limited and an application process applies. This unit is available in attendance mode only.
- Honours internships in History. Places are limited and an application process applies.

### **Cross-Institutional Study**

Selection and Approval of Cross-Institutional Units

- **Step 1:** The student identifies units of interest that will enhance the knowledge base or methodology of the Honours Thesis. The unit/s must be Honours level or higher (AQF level 8 or higher). Choose 2-3 units to discuss with your supervisor.
- **Step 2:** The student discusses the proposed units with his or her Honours Thesis supervisor to determine their suitability and to determine whether the student needs 2x10cp units or 1x20cp unit.

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- **Step 3:** The student submits a brief description of the proposed unit, with title and course code to the Honours Course Co-ordinator, along with an Application for Cross Institutional Enrolment [AX] form.
- **Step 4:** The student checks with the host university to check the timetable for the unit (it should not clash with HUMA402)
- **Step 5:** Once approved by the Honours Course Coordinator, the student submits all necessary forms and documentation to the host university. This usually means the ACU AX form and the equivalent form for the host university. If the host university also requires a letter from the university the course coordinator will provide it.
- **Step 6:** Once the student has been accepted at the host university, the student needs to provide AskACU with a copy of their confirmation of enrolment at the other university as soon as it is available and the AX form signed by the ACU course coordinator.

### A note on unit fees for cross-institutional study

Students who have a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP), should choose units that are HECS- liable, not full-fee-paying units. Students are liable for the single subject HECS fee at the University in which they enrol but following the correct cross- institutional enrolment process allows the HECS to transfer to the cross-institutional unit. If a student is enrolled at ACU, it means that student service fees are paid here and the student is not liable for any student service fees at the other University.

### At the end of the semester

When the unit or units at the Host university are successfully completed, the student must obtain an official transcript from that university, and provide a copy to the Honours Course Coordinator to assist with the calculation of the final Honours grade.

An original transcript should also be submitted to the AskACU to ensure that the unit is entered into the final ACU transcript. Do this in person as the AskACU cannot be held responsible for transcripts that are mailed.