

## 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. 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, 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. 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.

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 >> "Honours coursework and thesis units list" 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 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.

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

Discipline	Brisbane	Melbourne	North Sydney	Strathfield
Archaeology	Available	Available		Available
Design and Technology				Available
Drama	Available	Available	Available	Available
Economics		Available until 2025		Available until 2025
English/Literature	Available	Available	Available	Available
Geography	Available	Available		Available
History	Available	Available	Available	Available
International Development Studies		Available		
Mathematics				
Media (theory)				
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
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 National School of Arts and Humanities 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 (including projects in Creative Writing)	Available	Available	Available	Available
Media				
Music	Available	Available		
Visual Arts (including projects in Graphic Design)	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;
- 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

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. Thesis units do not have scheduled classes but instead have individual supervision sessions with your supervisor.
- **Step 3:** The student submits a brief description of the proposed unit, with title and course code to the Honours Course Coordinator, along with an online ACU Application for Cross Institutional Enrolment form.

You can find out more here: [https://acu.service-now.com/askacu?id=askacu\\_kb\\_article&sys\\_id=dea6ca9b71502140c04b31c7202e9a61&table](https://acu.service-now.com/askacu?id=askacu_kb_article&sys_id=dea6ca9b71502140c04b31c7202e9a61&table)

- **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 Cross-Institutional 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. This should be completed well before the start of semester as host university cut-off dates are earlier than internal cut-off dates.
- **Step 6:** To obtain credit for cross-institutional units you have completed and received results for, please complete and submit the Credit for Cross Institutional Study form. You will need to log into the AskACU portal to access the form.

Once processed, credit for unit/s successfully completed at the host university will be recorded on your ACU academic transcript as a 'CG' grade. Please note that CG grades do not contribute to your overall Grade Point Average (GPA).

### **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**

- To obtain credit for cross-institutional units you have completed and received results for, please complete and submit the Credit for Cross Institutional Study form. You will need to log into the AskACU portal to access the form.

Once processed, credit for unit/s successfully completed at the host university will be recorded on your ACU academic transcript as a 'CG' grade. Please note that CG grades do not contribute to your overall Grade Point Average (GPA).

### **Further Information**

Enrolled but need more information? Please see the Honours Handbook or consult your course coordinator.

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