

ADVANCED STANDING

Students who have completed an Honours degree can gain advanced standing into a number of postgraduate coursework degrees. Masters degrees offer advanced standing on a case by case basis depending on the Honours program undertaken.

If you are considering undertaking a Masters degree or for further information on the programs, see the web site

www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/brochures/postgrad-course-brochures.php.

THE GUIDE

The guide to the Honours program is available from the Faculty Student Experience Office or the Faculty Honours web site at

www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/courses/honours.

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

'I found that having Honours on my resume opened more doors than just having my undergraduate – I know because I looked for work in the industry both before and after I did my Honours year.'

Lisa-Skye Lonnides (Professional and Creative Writing)

'Doing Honours in Sociology was a life changing experience for me. It is a total change of pace from the undergrad experience, and I loved being able to put the years of learning into practice through conducting my own research project.'

Karina Butera (Sociology)

'In the first three weeks, my supervisor asked if I wanted to do postgrad, I laughed as I didn't think I would survive the year. However, my ambitions changed through the year and I am now doing postgraduate study because I love the environment and combining research and teaching is deeply satisfying.'

Stephanie Slade (History)

Read more student experiences at

www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/courses/honours/testimonials.php.

BACHELOR OF ARTS HONOURS



FURTHER INFORMATION

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The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) program will provide intellectual stimulation, academic achievement and personal enrichment. You will be given the opportunity to undertake a substantial and original research project whilst being under the supervision of an academic with a proven research/professional practice records. The skills acquired will enhance your future career prospects in a broad range of occupations in both private and public sectors, giving you an edge, compared with a straight undergraduate pass degree.

WHAT IS HONOURS?

You will undertake study at a higher level than your undergraduate degree both in your Honours coursework units and when you carry out research for your thesis. The thesis allows you to focus on an area of particular interest to you, and provides the opportunity to make a contribution to knowledge and wider debates in your discipline. The Honours program is made up of 8 credit points, 4 credit points of coursework units, and 4 credit points of thesis. Honours is a guarantee to an employer that you have research skills, ability to communicate research findings and measure of expertise in your discipline.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

In order to be considered for admission to an Honours degree, applicants must have completed the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts undergraduate degree, or equivalent. The Faculty normally expects consistent results at the grade of Distinction or High Distinction (or equivalent) in the major field of study which the student wishes to pursue at Honours level, but may consider applications from students with good credit results. Creative Arts and Media Arts Students should show evidence of strong performance in at least four arts theory-based units.

The major referred to must be in a discipline offered at the Honours level in Deakin University's Faculty of Arts and Education.

Students who may not have met the above criteria but wish to undertake the honours program should seek further advice from their School Honours Coordinator.

In determining admission the following will be taken into account:

- > **academic standards in the student's undergraduate degree**
- > **a viable preliminary Honours thesis proposal**
- > **any previous research experience and/or published works by the student**
- > **employment experience where relevant**
- > **the availability of supervision**
- > **Academic (or professional) references.**

AVAILABILITY

Honours programs are available in the off-campus study mode and on campus, at the Geelong Campus at Waurin Ponds and the Melbourne Campus at Burwood. However not all disciplines are offered at each campus, or in off-campus and on-campus modes.

APPLICATION

Applications for the Honours programs are made directly to Deakin University through the online application website www.deakin.edu.au/apply.

Please ensure that you are aware of closing dates and further application requirements, follow all the application steps and provide all relevant information.

PATHWAYS AFTER HONOURS

- > Commonwealth supported degree
- > Pathways into higher degree by research
- > Advanced standing into Master by coursework

COURSE RULES

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) course requires the completion of 8 credit points of study at level 4. Half of that requirement is met through coursework, which may include directed reading and/or enrolment in course work units, and half is satisfied through a research project (thesis or dissertation) of 14 000/16 000 words. Where creative works form a significant part of the assessment, they must be accompanied by an exegesis of at least 6000 words, depending on the discipline area.

Lists of units and options available as Honours coursework in any year are set down in the online handbook on the Honours website. There are no attendance requirements for off-campus students, although regular consultation with an appointed thesis supervisor is required.

AREAS OF STUDY

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND CREATIVE ARTS

- > Dance
- > Drama
- > Film and Digital Media
- > Literary Studies
- > Media and Communication Studies
- > Professional and Creative Writing
- > Visual Arts

SCHOOL OF HISTORY HERITAGE AND SOCIETY

- > Anthropology
- > Criminology
- > History
- > Sociology

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND POLITICAL STUDIES

- > International Relations
- > Politics
- > Philosophical studies