Honours at Flinders

Why consider Honours?

There are many reasons to enrol in an Honours degree. It is a qualification that demonstrates your capacity to undertake study at an advanced level in your area. Honours also equips you with high-level research, writing and organisational skills that will be of great benefit whatever you chose to do after Honours. You can progress to a research higher degree (Masters or PhD); you can enrol in further study to hone your practical skills; or you can move into employment with enhanced qualifications.

At Flinders University, there are two pathways to an Honours Degree:

1. Bachelor entry Honours after the completion of a relevant 3 year undergraduate degree; or
2. Direct entry (4 year) combined Bachelor and Honours Degree; i.e. Bachelor of Science (Honours).

At Flinders University you can do Honours in most subject areas, listed below:

- Archaeology
- American Studies
- Animal Behaviour
- Applied Geographical Information Systems
- Arts
- Aquaculture
- Behavioural Science
- Biodiversity and Conservation
- Biotechnology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Business
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Commerce
- Computer Science
- Creative Arts
- Criminal Justice
- Development Studies
- Disability and Community Inclusion
- Disability and Development Education
- Education
- English
- Environmental Management
- Environmental Science
- Engineering
- Forensic and Analytical Chemistry
- History
- Health Sciences
- Health and Environment
- Information Technology
- Information Technology (Digital Media)
- International Studies
- Languages
- Laws and Legal Practice
- Legal Studies
- Mathematics
- Marine Biology
- Marine Biology and Aquaculture
- Midwifery
- Nanotechnology
- Nursing
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Politics
- Public Policy
- Psychological Science (Honours)
- Psychology
- Screen and Media
- Science
- Social Work and Social Planning
- Sociology
- Speech Pathology
- Statistics
- Theology
- Tourism
- Women's Studies

For a comprehensive list of available honours topics, please visit our Honours website for information on available courses, eligibility criteria and contact details: flinders.edu.au/courses/rules/honours.cfm
Entry Requirements

Bachelor Entry Honours (after completion of a 3 year undergraduate degree)
Entry into Honours is highly competitive. If you have demonstrated academic excellence (a Grade Point Average of 5.00 or above) during your Bachelor degree you are invited to apply to undertake an Honours year – a 1 year specialisation related to your undergraduate study. These requirements may change from year to year as some courses are more competitive than others.

4 Year Direct Entry
Entry into these courses is dependent upon your academic performance at University (as measured by your Grade Point Average), your Year 12 studies (or international equivalents), a completed TAFE/Vocational Qualification, Foundation Studies or Adult Entry Test. You will need to maintain an appropriate average (usually a minimum of 5.00) to retain your Honours place.

How do I Apply?
You will need to contact the Honours Coordinator in your discipline to discuss your project and make arrangements for supervision.

This information can be found at this site: flinders.edu.au/future-students/courses/honours-programs.cfm. Some courses have specific application processes. These have been listed below for your information.

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Honours Awareness Week Program of Events

All students are invited to attend the Honours Awareness Week Opening and Lunch, held on Monday 8th September, 12:00pm to 2:00pm in the Conference Room of the Function Centre (Humanities Road).

Please RSVP for catering purposes to: emily.davis@flinders.edu.au

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FAQs

What kind of Grade Point Average (GPA) do I need to get into Honours?

If you have demonstrated academic excellence (GPA of 5.00 or above) during your Bachelor Degree you are encouraged to undertake an Honours year – a 1 year specialisation related to your undergraduate studies. Admission requirements for some courses can be found at: flinders.edu.au/courses/rules/honours.cfm.

I just finished my Bachelor Degree and want a break from study. Do I have to do my Honours straight after my Bachelor Degree?

Usually students continue studying for their honours degree in the year after they finish their undergraduate degree. If you wish to take some time off before starting you may have to apply for your honours offer again. This is because the cut off scores and eligibility criteria may change from year to year. It is best to contact your school office or honours coordinator. You can find them at this link here flinders.edu.au/future-students/courses/honours-programs.cfm.

How do I find a research topic and a supervisor?

The Honours Coordinator in your school can help you to find a supervisor. For contact details of all Honours Coordinators visit flinders.edu.au/future-students/courses/honours-programs.cfm.

Do I need to attend classes in Honours?

Your Honours year will be made up of a combination of coursework topics (where you might attend lectures, seminars and tutorials), and an independent research project. The type of topics that you will take depends on your course. You can check your program of study in the course rule index here: flinders.edu.au/courses/rules/honours.cfm.

Are there any scholarships for Honours students?

Yes, there are scholarships available to Honours students to assist with living expenses, travel and research. For more information about applications, eligibility and deadlines please use the scholarships database here: flinders.edu.au/scholarships-system/main-display-search-form.cfm. Students in receipt of Youth Allowance or Austudy may also be eligible for scholarships through Centrelink.

Can I qualify for Centrelink if I’m enrolled in Honours?

If you claimed student Centrelink benefits throughout your Bachelor Degree you might still be eligible for your payments if you are enrolled full-time in Honours topics (for example in a minimum 13.5 Units per semester). We advise that you contact Centrelink to confirm your payment arrangements before applying, as the rules and/or your individual circumstances may have changed.

Can I defer my tuition fees as I did during my Undergraduate Degree?

An Honours Degree is still classified as an undergraduate degree. If you are a domestic student you will be able to continue deferring your Student Contribution through HECS-HELP provided you meet the eligibility criteria. If you are an international student you will need to pay your fees upfront. For more information please visit the Student Finance webpage: flinders.edu.au/enrolling/fee-information/fee-index.cfm.

Can I study part-time?

You may be able to study part-time for your Honours Degree if you are a domestic student. International students must be enrolled full-time. Please note that if you wish to study part-time, you may have difficulty selecting core topics depending on which semester they are offered. To ensure that you can complete your Honours part-time you will need to find your Honours Course Rule here: flinders.edu.au/courses/rules/honours.cfm.

My Bachelor Degree doesn’t have a dedicated Honours Program but I still really want to do Honours. Are there any other options?

If your undergraduate degree does not list an Honours course for your discipline, you may still be able to apply for an Honours Degree under a different course type. For example, there is no Bachelor of Languages (Honours); however, you may be able to do a Bachelor of Arts Honours (Languages). For this information you should contact your Honours Coordinators to discuss your options.
My Honours Experience

“Flinders University ... has developed a culture that encourages Honours students to disseminate their work at conferences and via publication.”

My name is Michelle Esterhuizen and I studied a Bachelor of Psychology (Honours), and a Bachelor of Art (Sociology Honours). My honours thesis was titled 'Reconstructing the Social Imaginaries Field: Cornelius Castoriadis, Charles Taylor and Sociological Enquiry'.

Why did you choose to do Honours?

I actually did two honours years. My first was in Psychology, and it was part of a four year course and a requirement for further study in this area. However, I was also very interested in Sociology and I was not ready to let it go after I finished my psychology degree. So I decided to do Honours in Sociology - firstly because I really love sociology, and secondly, because I wanted to get a qualification in independent sociological research so as to keep that door open, if I wanted to further peruse sociology later in my life.

How would you describe your Honours experience at Flinders?

Honours is both scary and exciting. You have the chance to do an in-depth investigation into something that really interests you and therefore, if is a very personal experience. It is scary...
I found the experience to be challenging but rewarding and Flinders University provided an excellent base for me to undertake this learning journey.

My name is Sam Bolch and I completed the Bachelor of Education (Hons). My thesis was titled ‘Assessing homework time, physical activity levels and school-related stress in adolescent students’.

Why did you choose to do Honours?

I chose to undertake an Honours degree based on the advice and encouragement of particular staff at Flinders who believed I had the potential to achieve excellence in such learning fields. I wanted to enrich my learning in the field of Physical Education and by doing this advance my skills, knowledge and experience in areas such as research, critical thinking and project development. I wanted to combine my interests of education, physical activity and mental health and collect original objective data that would allow me to generate important questions and develop meaningful knowledge. Completing the Honours program also enticed me as it had the potential to generate more employment opportunities and pathways into the future.

How would you describe your Honours experience at Flinders?

My Honours experience was extremely positive. I was assisted by a range of passionate staff who went out of their way to help me develop my project to its greatest potential. Staff feedback was always very valuable and I was consistently encouraged to achieve to a high standard. I had access to all the important resources I required for my project. I found the experience to be challenging but rewarding and Flinders University provided an excellent base for me to undertake this learning journey.

What do you plan to do now and in the future?

Moving forward, I am working towards developing my teaching practice towards excellence. I have applied a great deal of the knowledge and skills from my Honours degree thus far. I have taught a range of Physical Education and Health/Sports Science across primary, secondary and tertiary levels at Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School, Westminster School and at Flinders University. I am currently in the process of seeking employment within specialised triathlon Physical Education programs. I am also motivated by the potential of extending my expertise/employment into coaching, athlete mentoring and areas of Sports Science including sports psychology.

because the kind of work you do is very different from what you have experienced in undergrad, but it is exciting because you are truly able to pour yourself into the project. And of course, your supervisor is there to assist and support you every step of the way. For me, my honours experience cemented everything I learned throughout my degree and gave me confidence in my ability to use that knowledge as I embark on my professional career.

What do you plan to do now and in the future?

I plan to find work in the field of mental health and work in a Psychology setting. I am passionate about contributing positively to the health and well-being of the community at large and hope to do so by working with and supporting people in the community with mental health issues. Ultimately, I plan to return to university for further study, however, exactly which direction that is in is still unknown. I am therefore happy that I did Honours in both of my subjects of interest, which leaves my future wide open for endless possibilities.