School of the Environment
Honours Program
Information Session


Honours program coordinator
Prof. Howard Fallowfield
Welcome to the next phase of your academic career!
Enrollment

You should be enrolled in one of the following Honours Courses:

- Bachelor of Applied GIS Honours
- Bachelor of Environmental Management Honours
- Bachelor of Science Honours in Hydrology
- Bachelor of Science Honours in Environmental Science
- Bachelor of Science Honours in Oceanography and Meteorology
- Bachelor of Science Honours in Health and Environment
- Bachelor of Arts Honours in Geography
- Bachelor of Arts Honours in Environmental Studies
Honours program structure

All Honours Courses which make up the SoTE Honours Program share the same course structure, comprising:

**Core Topics**

**Major Project**
- ENVS4700 Honours Research Project in the Environment (27 units)

**Coursework**
- ENVS4720 Research Project Design and Conduct (4.5 units) - core

Plus one elective topic identified in Program Booklet (or alternate discussed with supervisor & agreed by Honours Program Coordinator)
## Calculation of Honours grade

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<th>Topic</th>
<th>Percentage of overall Honours mark</th>
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<td>ENVS4700 Honours Research Project in the Environment (27 units) - core</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>ENVS4720 Research Project Design and Conduct (4.5 units) - core</td>
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<td>Elective (4.5 units)</td>
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**Honours First Class (H1):** 85 to 100

**Honours Second Class Division A (H2A):** 75 to 84

**Honours Second Class Division B (H2B):** 65 to 74

**Honours Third Class (H3):** 50 to 64

**Fail:** 0 to 49
ENVS4700 Honours Research Project in the Environment
(Topic Coordinator Prof Howard Fallowfield)

• Topic booklet on FLO site – *please read*

  – Guidelines on the responsibilities of supervisors and students enrolled in the Research Component of an Honours Program.

  – Resources
    • *Availability and use of Laboratories*
    • *Car Hire*
    • *Fieldwork*
      – Flinders Field Trip Guidelines.pdf and the Field Trip Risk Assessment Form.pdf available on FLO site
    • *Ethics, animal welfare and biosafety.*
      – FUSA Social and Behavioural Research Ethics Committee
      – The Flinders University Animal Welfare Committee (AWC)
      – Flinders' Biosafety Committee
    • Storage of data
  
  – *Statement of Assessment Methods (SAM)*
Assessment Arrangements

• Research Proposal and Progress Seminar attendance is *compulsory* for all students for the duration of the session(s).

• **The dates of the Final Seminar and the viva voce will be arranged by the student** and will require attendance of the academic supervisor(s), the External and Internal Examiners and a member of the Honours Committee.

• The viva voce will be conducted immediately following the final seminar.

• Moderation in the *viva voce* will enable a maximum of 5% to be added to the previously supplied thesis mark. The thesis mark cannot be reduced as a result of the candidate’s performance in the *viva voce*. 
## Assessment Arrangements

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<th>Format of each form of assessable work</th>
<th>Proportion of total marks</th>
<th>Deadline for submission*</th>
<th>Penalties to be applied if deadline is not met</th>
<th>Date work is expected to be returned to students</th>
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<td>5%</td>
<td>14th May 8th October</td>
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<td>Progress Seminar</td>
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<td>Honours thesis</td>
<td>85%</td>
<td>8th June 2nd November</td>
<td>5% per day</td>
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Student responsibilities

• Student and supervisors must complete the Honours Examiners Form by 31 March  (http://www.flinders.edu.au/science_engineering/fms/School_ENVR/Forms/Honours-Examiners-Form.pdf)

• All new Honours students will be automatically granted $500 upon advice from the Honours Coordinator in the School.

• Additional funding up to a maximum of $1500 may be available upon application within 3 months of commencing their Honours program. Students with their supervisors assistance are required to complete an application form including budget justification to the School Manager. (http://www.flinders.edu.au/science_engineering/fms/School_ENVR/Forms/1_Honours-Funding&Extra-Form.pdf)
Where to get more information:
If you need any further information about the Honours year please see your Honours supervisor, a staff member in the School of the Environment or talk to the members of the Honours Committee.

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