Archaeology Honours and Graduate Programs - 2013

Why Honours?

- Minimum professional standard for practice in Australia is 4 years.
- 3 year undergrad + 1 year.
- The traditional +1 is an Honours year.
- Independent Research
- Specialization
- Pre-requisite for Research Higher Degree Admission (MA or PhD)

Prerequisites for Honours

BA (Archaeology major)
- GPA 5.25 (24-units of upper level topics in Archaeology major)

BArch
- GPA 5.25 (for degree)
- GPA 5.75 (24-units of upper level topics)
- Must have achieved a minimum Credit grade in:
  - ARCH 2106 Archaeological Field Methods
  - ARCH 2107 Laboratory Archaeology
  - ARCH 3107 Archaeological Theory and Method
Admission

Entry is not automatic – the application and selection processes are based on:

1. Grades & prerequisites (especially GPA)
2. Suitability of proposed project (research proposal)
3. Availability of staff (supervision)

Honours Structure

- 36-units of study = coursework + thesis
- Coursework = 13.5-units of study
  1. ARCH7011: Archaeology in Practice (S1) (4.5 units)
  2. ARCH7012: Communicating Archaeological Research (S1) (4.5 units)
  3. ARCH8309A: Advanced Research Projects (S1) (4.5 units)

ARCH7011: non graded pass topic requiring completion of 120 hours of work placement with the department.
ARCH7012: attendance at departmental seminars and a final presentation on your thesis at the end of the year.

Thesis

- 22.5-units of study = 22,500 words long
  1. ARCH 7010 (S1) (4.5 units)
  2. ARCH7010A (S2) and ARCH7010B (S2) (both 9 units)

- Due 5th November, 2013, 4pm
Grades

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Assessment

- Coursework (37.5%)
  - ARCH 7011 (4.5 units)
  - ARCH 7012 (4.5 units)
  - ARCH 8309A (4.5 units)
- Thesis (62.5%)
  - One internal marker (not a supervisor)
  - One external marker

Applying for Honours (what you have to do)

1. Identify an area (or areas) of research interest.
2. Speak to the appropriate staff member/s
3. Seek provisional approval from them to supervise your project.
4. Submit a research proposal by the due date – 3rd December 2012.
5. Staff meet before the end of December to finalize entry to Honours.
The Research Proposal

- Your research proposal should include:
  - Provisional Title and Proposed Supervisor
  - Introduction
  - Research Question(s)
  - Significance of Project
  - Proposed Methods
  - Preliminary Literature Review
  - Reference List (essential)

- Approximately 5-10 pages in length
- View examples at: http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehl/archaeology/the-department/resources/honours

Further Information and Submitting Honours Proposals

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Graduate Programs in Archaeology, Maritime Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management
What Honours doesn’t give you

• Knowledge of how to apply archaeological knowledge and skills to the CHM workplace.
• Consultancy and business skills.
• Knowledge of the tendering/contract system.
• In short, the skills most commonly used in the workplace.
  • (Gibbs, Roe and Gojak 2005)

The AAA 2005 and 2010 national surveys

• The top 10 skills gaps:
  • 2005: GIS, human skeletal identification and analysis, advocacy/public relations, faunal analysis, residue and use wear analysis, statistics, rock art recording and analysis, human resource management, OH&S, artefact conservation.

• 2010:
  • Residue and use wear analysis, floral analysis, GIS, human skeletal identification and analysis, sediment analysis, faunal analysis, rock art recording and analysis, statistics, advocacy/public relations, artefact conservation.
What industry says is important

- People skills:
  - Community skills (arranging meetings, cross cultural awareness/engagement, understanding how Aboriginal communities work)
  - Conflict management/negotiation
  - General interpersonal skills
  - Good attitude.
- Time management:
  - Project budgeting, accounting for time
  - Understanding financial constraints on a project
- Professional communication:
  - Basic requirements of reports
  - Range of different kinds of reports that consultants typically write
  - Difference between technical writing and academic writing (no padding, clarity)
- OHS
- Professional practice
  - Understanding client needs and requirements
  - Insurance (what it is, how it works, what does it do?)
  - Contracts
  - Ethics, confidentiality, IP
- Social and political context of CHM
- Everything else:
  - Four wheel drive skills
  - First aid
  - Working outdoors
  - Bush craft skills
  - Asbestos and contamination
  - Significance assessment (particularly in Victoria)

We want you to get a job

The Average Australian Archaeologist

- 62% < 45 years old
- 53% female
- 65% in Indigenous archaeology
- 78% in a capital city
- 59% in CHM

Qualifications:
- 86% Honours or Higher Degree
- 31% have a PhD

Volunteering:
- 93% volunteered

Income:
- 95% more than $40,000 p.a.
- 81% more than $60,000 p.a.
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What do our degrees give you?

- Electives in environmental management, tourism, screen and media, GIS.
- More field schools.
- Specialist topics in human skeletal identification and analysis, stone artefacts, rock art, ship construction, geophysics.
- Master Classes.
- Free stuff (shallow, but worthwhile).

Graduate programs – the other +1

Grad Cert = 6 months FT  
Grad Dip = 1 yr FT  
Masters = 2 years FT study  

4th (and/or 5th) year alternative to Honours

- Graduate Program in Archaeology  
- Graduate Program in Cultural Heritage Management  
- Graduate Program in Maritime Archaeology

What do you get from a Grad program?

- A fourth year alternative that is more vocationally focussed, and targeted to industry requirements.
- You can just do a grad dip (1 year full time) and then go out to work as a professional archaeologist, or progress to Masters (2 years full time).
- The grad dip maintains a small research component through Directed Study projects.
- Masters has an 18 unit thesis, directly comparable to Honours, so you have the best of both worlds (i.e. coursework targeted to the skills gaps and an intensive research project).
- An alternative pathway into Honours - if you don’t initially meet the 5.75 GPA for Honours, enrol in a grad dip, get good marks and meet the GPA that way (or progress to Masters since the GPA entry to coursework Masters is slightly lower at 5.6).
Involving Industry

- Seminar Series (meet and greet professionals in the industry)
- Master classes (single workshop sessions) in specific skills and knowledge.
- Directed Studies (individual mentored ‘mini’ research projects with an Industry Partner).
- Practicum Placements (WIL) (60-120 hours).
- Internships (360 hours, paid employment) – rare.

Some of our Industry Partners

Applying

1. Apply through SATAC
2. Prerequisites: an undergraduate degree in archaeology or a related discipline
3. Or an undergraduate degree, plus experience in the field
4. Admission to Masters requires a GPA of 5.6
FREE STUFF

- Portfolios (for your Master Class certificates)
- T Shirts
- Regular graduate functions
- Industry networking
- And more …

Further Information:
Graduate Programs

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Questions???