

## SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY

# PHILOSOPHY HONOURS INFORMATION

Welcome to your Honours year! In addition to the information on the School, Faculty and University websites, this information sheet supplies relevant details for enrolment and study in Philosophy Honours, under the following headings:

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### **PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

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Three courses constitute the Philosophy Honours program (#16 in total):

#### **PHIL6007 #4 (Sem. 1); PHIL6008 #4 (Sem. 2)**

**Course Coordinator:** Dr. Julian Lamont

**Course Description:** The course is based 17 two-hour seminars covering a range of topics in philosophy. The program is designed to develop awareness and understanding of the broad range of issues on the research agenda of contemporary philosophers, and also philosophers' methods of inquiry. The program is divided into a 2 week introductory module and then three 5 week modules, each of which will be introduced and led by a different member of the discipline of philosophy. Students will choose to write two 4,000 word essays and give two presentations on two out of the three module topics of their choosing, but are required to attend and participate satisfactorily in all three modules. The topics for the particular semester will be made available to students during Orientation Week. The presentations are designed to develop skills in the presentation of a conference paper and to develop the ability to discuss philosophical questions. Students are also required to attend two Philosophy Staff/Student seminars during the semester.

#### **PHIL6005 #8 (for students beginning in Sem.1); PHIL6006 #8 (for students beginning in Sem.2): Honours Research Thesis**

**Course Coordinator:** Dr. Julian Lamont

**Course Description:** This eight-unit course over two semesters provides the central core of the Philosophy honours program. It constitutes half the assessment load for the program.

Students are required to prepare two 10,000 word major research assignments (one in each semester). This will be done under the supervision of a member of the Philosophy discipline each semester (normally a student has a different thesis advisor for a different topic each semester unless they have special permission from the Honours Advisor). The research topics are determined by discussion between the student and their supervisors.

Students will be expected to develop considerable depth of understanding of the philosophical problems in the chosen areas of inquiry: the topics of their thesis projects will offer scope for research training, and be intellectually rewarding. Students may be encouraged to submit some part of the project for publication, if appropriate in collaboration with the project supervisor.

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION**

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### **ENTRY REQUIREMENT**

1. Completion of the BA Pass degree or equivalent, with a GPA of 5 in a major or extended major in philosophy (i.e. the GPA of at least 5.0 is required in the philosophy courses that make up the major or extended).
2. A pass grade in Introduction to Logic (formerly PHIL1020, now PHIL2110).

### **Application Procedure**

1. Prospective students should first check that they have satisfied the two entry requirements listed above.
2. It is important to understand that the honours thesis course requires two 10,000 word essays on separate topics with separate advisors.
3. Students may informally meet with various philosophy staff members to discuss their availability to supervise the student's first 10,000 word essay (there is no need to settle on a second topic and supervisor until the second semester of your enrolment). Before this meeting, students are strongly encouraged to consult the [Philosophy staff](#) biographical entries, which include research interests and publications, to decide on a viable thesis area and potential thesis supervisor.
4. If students are unsure which Philosophy Staff members to approach they should meet with the Philosophy Honours advisor (Dr. Julian Lamont) in order to discuss their interests. Also, any questions about the application process or any other questions about honours should be directed to the Philosophy Honours advisor (Dr. Julian Lamont).
5. Once students have selected a suitable topic and supervisor, they should lodge their application online: <http://www.hapi.uq.edu.au/honours-information> Please note that for Philosophy Honours students there is no need to lodge an Honours thesis proposal form but you do need to lodge an Honours Study Plan form (see below).
6. Once your application is received it is sent to the School office (Room E306, Forgan Smith Building) for processing and checking. The application is evaluated by the Philosophy Honours Advisor and the School's Director of Teaching and Learning and, if approved, the student will be sent a Full Offer for Bachelor of Arts (Honours).

## STUDY PLANS

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Depending on your enrolment status and date of commencement, your study plan will take one of the following forms:

### Full-Time (commencing in Semester 1)

SEMESTER ONE 2018	SEMESTER TWO 2018
PHIL6007 #4	PHIL6008 #4
PHIL6005 Honours Research Thesis #4	PHIL6005 Honours Research Thesis #4

### Full-Time (commencing in Semester 2)

SEMESTER TWO 2018	SEMESTER ONE, 2019
PHIL6007 #4	PHIL6008 #4
PHIL6006 Honours Research Thesis #4	PHIL6006 Honours Research Thesis #4

### Part-Time

SEMESTER ONE, 2018	SEMESTER TWO, 2018
PHIL6007 #4	PHIL6008 #4
SEMESTER ONE, 2019	SEMESTER TWO, 2019
PHIL6005 Honours Research Thesis #4	PHIL6005 Honours Research Thesis #4

## KEY DATES

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Please consult the current course profiles for key dates.

## SUBMITTING HONOURS THESES

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The final printing and proof-reading of your thesis is a time-consuming task. As such, you should complete your text and referencing well in advance of the due date to allow sufficient time for revision.

**Two copies** of the thesis must be submitted to the School office (Room E306, Forgan Smith Building) and also through Turnitin. Single-sided copies are acceptable, but double-sided is preferred. Please note there is no requirement in philosophy for a “bound copy” of the thesis essays each semester to be submitted.

### THESIS FORMAT

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The thesis must be typed on A4 paper, with 1.5 line-spacing. The inside margin should be at least 3 cm wide and the top, bottom and outside margins at least 2 cm wide to allow for trimming. Text may be typed single sided or double sided (preferred).

**Font:** 12 point, Times New Roman

**Footnotes:** Any consistent style is acceptable – please consult your thesis advisor. [Please note that footnotes are included in the overall word-count.]

## **Bibliography**

You must include a bibliography of all materials used in the writing of the thesis, organised into appropriate categories. (N.B. Bibliography **DOES NOT** form part of the overall word-count).

## **Word Count**

Theses must not exceed 10,000 words.

## **Front Pages: Title Page, Declaration, Contents, Acknowledgements**

The Title Page must include the following:

- a) full title of thesis;
- b) full name of author;
- c) the following statement: “A Thesis presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the degree of Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Philosophy at the University of Queensland”; and
- d) the year of submission: e.g. 2018.

The page following the Title Page should contain the following declaration, signed and dated:

“I declare that this thesis is my own work and has not been submitted in any other form for another degree or diploma at any university or other institute of tertiary education. Information derived from the published or unpublished work of others has been acknowledged in the text and a list of references is given.

I also declare that I am familiar with the rules of the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry and the University relating to the submission of this thesis.”

(NAME / SIGNATURE) .....

(DATE).....

It is also conventional to include a Table of Contents and an Acknowledgements page before the introductory chapter. You should acknowledge your supervisor/s and anyone else who assisted you in preparing the thesis.

## **EXAMINATION PROCESS**

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Your thesis will be examined by two suitably qualified members of the Philosophy discipline, Honorary staff, or in some circumstances invited specialists from outside the School. Theses are marked and graded on the 7 point scale using the Philosophy Honours Assessment Sheet. If there is disagreement between the examiners in the grade awarded, the coordinator will ask the examiners to confer and if possible decide upon an agreed grade. If it is not possible to agree, the thesis will be sent to an adjudicator who reviews the original reports and makes a recommendation on the grade to be awarded.

## GRADING SYSTEM

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### For individual courses:

7:	80% and above
6:	70 - 79.99%
5:	60 - 69.99%
4:	50 - 59.99%
3:	49.99% and below

### Overall Class of Honours:

Weighted GPA	Class of Honours
6.200 – 7.000	Class I
5.650 – 6.199	Class IIA
5.000 – 5.649	Class IIB
4.000 – 4.999	Class IIIA
<4.000	Class IIIB