

**SCHOOL OF
HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY**

PHILOSOPHY HONOURS INFORMATION

Philosophy Discipline Honours Coordinator: Dr. Guillermo Badia

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

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PROGRAM STRUCTURE

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

Philosophy Honours Seminar Courses (both compulsory): PHIL6007 #4; PHIL6008 #4 (The description is identical for the two courses - PHIL6007 is offered in Semester 1, and PHIL6008 is offered in Semester 2. They can be done in any order.)

Course Coordinator: Dr. Guillermo Badia

Course Description: The course is based on 13 three-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 an introductory module and then 3 x 4 week seminar modules, each of which will be introduced and led by a different staff member. 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 three Philosophy Staff/Student seminars during the semester.

Philosophy Honours (a student does one or the other of these codes depending on which semester they start) PHIL6005 #8 (for students beginning in Sem.1); PHIL6006 #8 (for students beginning in Sem.2): Honours Research Thesis

Course Coordinator: Dr. Guillermo Badia

Course Description: This eight-unit course over two semesters constitutes half the assessment load of the Philosophy honours program. Students are required to prepare two 8,000-10,000 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

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

1. Completion of the BA Pass degree or equivalent, with a GPA of 5.5 in a major or extended major in philosophy (i.e. the GPA of at least 5.5 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) or equivalent.

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 Philosophy 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 contact the Philosophy Honours advisor (Dr. Guillermo Badia g.badia@uq.edu.au) 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. Guillermo Badia).
5. Once students have met with their potential supervisor for their minor thesis for the first semester of their enrolment and have agreed with the supervisor on a suitable topic they should email the Philosophy Discipline Honours Coordinator, with a copy to their supervisor, and notify the Coordinator of the thesis topic and that their nominated supervisor has agreed to supervise that topic. They should then go ahead proceed with their online application, see details on Courses and Programs [Bachelor of Arts \(Honours\)](#) page.

6. The [Honours Study Plan](#) must be completed and added to the online application. Your form must be signed by the Philosophy Discipline Honours Coordinator BEFORE you upload it. An explanation of how to fill out the Honours Study Plan is given below. **The Honours Study Plan and application process are identical for both the BA (Honours) students and the Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Honours) who are pursuing honours in Philosophy.**
7. Please note that, for Philosophy Honours, there is no need to lodge an Honours thesis proposal form.
8. 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

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

Full-Time (commencing in Semester I)

Semester/Year	Course code	Units	Course title
<i>Examples:</i>			
Sem 1/2014	ENGL6085	4	Research Methods & Project Management
Sem 1/2014	DRAM6100	IP	Dissertation (Part A)
Sem 2/2014	DRAM6100	8	Dissertation (Part B)
Sem 2/2014	ENGL6020	4	Honours Seminar A
Sem 1 2020	PHIL6007	4	Philosophy Honours Seminar 1
Sem 1 2020	PHIL6005	IP	Honours Research Thesis: Part A
Sem 2 2020	PHIL6008	4	Philosophy Honours Seminar 2
Sem 2 2020	PHIL6005	8	Honours Research Thesis Part B

Part-Time (commencing in Semester I)

Semester/Year	Course code	Units	Course title
<i>Examples:</i>			
Sem 1/2014	ENGL6085	4	Research Methods & Project Management
Sem 1/2014	DRAM6100	IP	Dissertation (Part A)
Sem 2/2014	DRAM6100	8	Dissertation (Part B)
Sem 2/2014	ENGL6020	4	Honours Seminar A
Sem 1 2020	PHIL6007	4	Philosophy Honours Seminar 1
Sem 2 2020	PHIL6008	4	Philosophy Honours Seminar 2
Sem 1 2021	PHIL6005	IP	Honours Research Thesis: Part A
Sem 2 2021	PHIL6005	8	Honours Research Thesis Part B

KEY DATES

Please consult the current course profiles for key dates.

SUBMITTING HONOURS THESES

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

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 substantive 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 and semester of submission: e.g. 2020.

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

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

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