

**SCHOOL OF  
HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY**

## **HISTORY HONOURS INFORMATION - 2020**

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 History Honours for 2020, under the following headings:

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### **A. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION**

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Honours study in History requires a Bachelor of Arts degree, or equivalent, **with a major in History**, with a GPA of at least 5.0 in the courses that make up that major. Please note that from 2021 (not 2020), this requirement may increase to a GPA of at least 5.5 for those courses.

#### **Application Procedure**

1. Before submitting a formal application, students must arrange a preliminary meeting with the History Honours advisor (Assoc. Prof. Morris Low) in order to discuss their interests, proposed topic and possible Honours supervisor, and the rigors/expectations of the coursework and program in general. Before this meeting, students are strongly encouraged to consult the [History staff profiles](#), which include research interests and publications, to decide on a viable thesis area and potential thesis supervisor.
2. All applications should be lodged online, see details on Courses and Programs [Bachelor of Arts \(Honours\)](#) page. See also the [HPI Honours](#) page.
  - The [Honours Study Plan](#) must be completed and added to the online application.
  - The relevant discipline [Honours Proposal form](#) needs to be completed and added to the online application.

### **B. PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

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There are **FOUR PARTS** to the History Honours program (#16 in total):

**1. RESEARCH THESIS (50%; #8)** – HIST6700 (full-time students) or HIST6701 (part-time students, or students commencing in semester 2)

**Assessment:** An academic thesis of 15,000 to 20,000 words (including footnotes).

**Course Coordinator:** Assoc. Prof. Morris Low (History Honours Advisor) and individual supervisors.

**Course Description:** Students write a thesis of 15,000 to 20,000 words over two consecutive semesters on a topic agreed with their supervisor. The thesis must incorporate substantial and original historical research and analysis. Once marked and corrected, completed theses are added to the School's Thesis Library (see instructions below under 'Submitting Honours Theses').

**2. HISTORY THEORY AND METHOD (HIST6680) (25%; #4)** (offered semester 1)

**Assessment:** Two essays of 5,000 words or equivalent; participation.

**Course Coordinator:** Dr. Patrick Jory.

**Course Description:** How should we write history? Historians have been asking this question since the beginnings of the discipline in the nineteenth century. In this course we will look closely at some of their answers. Over the course of the semester, we will be taking a tour through some of the major theories and methodologies that have influenced the writing of history in the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first centuries. We will both examine their key assumptions and evaluate their worth as we investigate precisely what it is that different ways of doing history might have to offer us as researchers.

This course will also give you the opportunity to consider the tools of historical analysis that might suit your own approach to the writing of history, particularly in your Honours thesis project. As we look closely at the kind of choices historians have made when writing about the past, we will help you to make some choices of your own.

**3. HISTORY HONOURS SEMINAR (HIST6690) (25%; #4)** (offered semester 2)

**Assessment:** Two essays of 5,000 words or equivalent; participation.

**Course Coordinator:** Assoc. Prof. Martin Crotty, Assoc. Prof. Chi Kong Lai and Dr Ian Hesketh.

**Course Description:** Students attend two Honours seminars each week for discussion, class readings, research planning and project presentations. Each seminar runs for two hours. Attendance is compulsory through the semester, and absences should be explained to the relevant staff member.

Students select two of the following seminar options, and complete one 5,000 word essay for each option (due approximately six weeks apart). You can attend all three seminars in the first week of semester in order to make an informed choice. In 2020, the seminar options are:

**a. The Problematic Past** (Assoc. Prof. Martin Crotty)

History matters. As the common aphorism has it, those who control the past can control the present, and the future. As a consequence, historians often find themselves and their subject caught up in debate – at times heated debate – both within the profession and in broader discussion of matters of public importance. This seminar covers topics such as new ways of understanding the past (women's history and Aboriginal history, among others), new ways of relaying or preserving that past (particularly in regard to digital technologies), controversies among historians over questions of

historical practice and interpretation, and contentious public and political debate over historical issues such as race relations. Topics examined will be both Australian and international.

#### **b. Everyday Life in China and the World** (Assoc. Prof. Chi Kong Lai)

This stream examine a range of social, cultural and economic themes that affect everyday life in China and the world. This daily life history approach has attracted a lot of attention in recent years, shedding new light on how people live and behave both individually and collectively. It is axiomatic that the standard of living, life-styles and everyday life are shaped by various levels of social and cultural contexts, such as relationship, transnational experiment and social structure; they are intertwined with one's multi-dimensional identities—gender, religion, class, ethnicity and their personal knowledge. Based upon oral history, ethnography, GIS method, material culture methodology, this seminar will explore the everyday lives of the Chinese and other people in historical and comparative perspectives.

Focusing on the particular and the personal notwithstanding, the study of everyday life is never separate from the broad trends of global development. From the beginning, everyday life is understood as a site of a series of nodes, networks, and linkages connecting the world. It help our students to develop their research projects on everyday modernity in China and the world, this stream will provide a framework for our students to analyze and compare different levels of everyday life that link together continents, territorial states, regions, groups, families, and individuals in China and the world. The case studies draw from a range of cultural and regional examples in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Overseas Chinese, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America by our students.

#### **c. The Darwinian Revolution** (Dr Ian Hesketh)

It is generally acknowledged that Charles Darwin's theory of evolution transformed the way in which humans thought about themselves and their place in the world. By focusing on Darwin's life and ideas, this seminar course will examine the origin and development of evolution in the nineteenth century and beyond as well as its broader social, political, religious, and cultural implications.

We will also critically examine some of the key historiographical categories that have emerged to describe this moment, or aspects of it, in the history of science, such as "revolution," "Darwinism," and "Social Darwinism." Was this really a revolution in the history of science? And if so, was it actually Darwinian? Or was it actually, as Peter Bowler, has argued, a "non-Darwinian Revolution"? We will explore these issues and more by reading a selection of key primary texts (e.g. works by Darwin, Herbert Spencer, Francis Galton, Alfred Russel Wallace, Thomas Henry Huxley) and secondary sources (e.g. works by Michael Ruse, Peter Bowler, Paul Crook, Evelleen Richards, Piers Hale).

### **4. HONOURS THESIS SEMINARS**

During the year, two seminars are held for Honours candidates (one in each semester) for students to present a short, twenty-minute paper on the progress of their thesis. These seminars are primarily for students completing their thesis at the end of that semester. The seminars provide a supportive forum for students, supervisors, and other History staff and Honoraries to discuss thesis topics and research. Attendance and participation at these seminars is mandatory.

## C. 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)

<b>SEMESTER ONE 2020</b>	<b>SEMESTER TWO 2020</b>
HIST6680 Honours Theory & Method #4	HIST6690 Honours Seminar #4
HIST6700 Honours Research Thesis IP (in progress)	HIST6700 Honours Research Thesis #8

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

<b>SEMESTER TWO 2020</b>	<b>SEMESTER ONE, 2021</b>
HIST6690 Honours Seminar #4	HIST6680 Honours Theory & Method #4
HIST6701 Honours Research Thesis IP (in progress)	HIST6701 Honours Research Thesis #8

### Part-Time

<b>SEMESTER ONE, 2020</b>	<b>SEMESTER TWO, 2020</b>
HIST6680 Honours Theory & Method #4	HIST6690 Honours Seminar #4
<b>SEMESTER ONE, 2021</b>	<b>SEMESTER TWO, 2021</b>
HIST6700 Honours Research Thesis IP (in progress)	HIST6700 Honours Research Thesis #8

## D. KEY DATES

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### SEMESTER 1

HISTORY HONOURS THESIS SEMINAR (for students submitting in Semester 1)  
Friday 3 April 2020 (time and location TBA)

### COURSEWORK SUBMISSION DATE

No later than Friday 19 June 2020 (consult ECP for instructions)

### THESIS SUBMISSION DATE

Friday 5 June (2 pm) [previously Friday 29 May]

### SEMESTER 2

HISTORY HONOURS THESIS SEMINAR (for students submitting in Semester 2)  
Friday 11 September 2020 (time and location TBA)

### COURSEWORK SUBMISSION DATE

No later than Friday 16 October 2020 (consult ECP for instructions)

**THESIS SUBMISSION DATE: Friday 23 October 2020 (2 pm)**

## E. SUBMITTING HONOURS THESES

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The final printing, proof-reading, and assembly 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 in hard copy for examination, in a manila folder, to the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry Office (Rm. E306, Forgan Smith Building) by 3 pm on the due date. Please do not use any method of temporary binding that punches holes in the pages. Single-sided copies are acceptable, but double-sided is preferred. Submit the pages loose, but held together by a bulldog clip or similar. A digital copy of your thesis should also be submitted through Blackboard and Turnitin (details will be supplied), but formal submission will only be registered on the basis of the hard copies.

The examination usually takes 2-3 weeks after submission. All examiners' reports are written using a standard format, and are made available to students after the Honours Examiners' Meeting in redacted form.

After the examination, students may be required to make corrections and/or revisions before final binding. A final corrected and bound version is then submitted to the School Office for the thesis library.

## **F. 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:** Chicago 17A style. These should be numbered consecutively throughout the chapters of the thesis. [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. There should be a clear distinction between primary and secondary sources. Examples in the School Thesis Library will help you plan your own bibliography. (N.B. Bibliography **DOES NOT** form part of the overall word-count).

### **Word Count**

Theses must not exceed 20,000 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 History at the University of Queensland"; and
- d) the year 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.

## **G. EXAMINATION PROCESS**

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Your thesis will be examined by two suitably qualified members of the History 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 History Honours Assessment Sheet, and independently submitted to the Honours Advisor within two weeks. If there is disagreement between the examiners in the grade awarded, the Honours Advisor may 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.

The examiners reports and final grades for the coursework are reviewed at the History Honours meeting at the end of each semester. This meeting is attended by all examiners and supervisors involved in Honours courses for that semester. At this meeting the various examiners’ and adjudicators’ reports are read, and grades and classes for all Honours work are determined and confirmed. The decisions of the meeting are final, and students will receive advice regarding their class of Honours after this meeting.

Students will be emailed thesis reports, which are anonymous, and are asked to collect from the School office the thesis copies that they lodged for examination purposes. Students will be asked to correct the thesis according to the examiners’ comments before submitting a final, bound copy to the School for its thesis library.