

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY

HISTORY HONOURS INFORMATION - 2023

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 2022, under the following headings:

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A. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION

Honours study in History requires a Bachelor of Arts degree, or equivalent, **with a major in History**, with a GPA of at least 5.5 in the courses that make up that major.

Application Procedure

1. Before submitting a formal application, students must arrange a preliminary meeting with the History Honours advisor (Assoc. Prof. Ian Hesketh) 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. Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Honours) should also complete the same paperwork and submit online. See also the [HPI Honours](#) page.
 - The relevant discipline [Honours Enrolment form](#) needs to be completed and added to the online application.

B. PROGRAM STRUCTURE

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

1. RESEARCH THESIS (50%; #8) – HUMN6900 (full-time students; part-time students) or HUMN6901 (full-time students commencing in semester 2)

Assessment: An academic thesis of 16,000 to 20,000 words (excluding footnotes and bibliography).

Course Coordinator: Assoc. Prof. Ian Hesketh (History Honours Advisor) and individual supervisors.

Course Description: Students write a thesis of 16,000 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. COURSEWORK 1: RESEARCH METHODS (HUMN6600) (25%; #4) (offered semester 1)

Assessment: Two essays of 4,000 words or equivalent; participation.

Course Coordinator: Assoc. Prof. Ian Hesketh.

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. COURSEWORK 2: ADVANCED READINGS (HUMN6601) (25%; #4) (offered semester 2)

Assessment: Two essays of 4,000 words or equivalent; participation.

Course Coordinator: To be confirmed.

Course Description: Students attend one Honours seminar 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 complete two 4,000 word essays (due approximately six weeks apart).

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

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 2022	SEMESTER TWO 2022
HUMN6600 Coursework 1: Research Methods #4	HUMN6601 Coursework 2: Advanced Readings #4
HUMN6900 Thesis I #8	HUMN6900 Thesis I #8

Full-Time (commencing in Semester 2)

SEMESTER TWO 2022	SEMESTER ONE, 2022
HIST6601 Coursework 2: Advanced Readings #4	HUMN6600 Coursework 1: Research Methods #4
HUMN6901 Thesis II #8	HUMN6901 Thesis II #8

Part-Time

SEMESTER ONE, 2022	SEMESTER TWO, 2022
HUMN6600 Coursework 1: Research Methods #4	HUMN6601 Coursework 2: Advanced Readings #4
SEMESTER ONE, 2023	SEMESTER TWO, 2023
HUMN6900 Thesis I #8	HUMN6900 Thesis I #8

D. KEY DATES

SEMESTER 1

HISTORY HONOURS THESIS SEMINAR (for students submitting in Semester 1)
(date, time and location TBA)

COURSEWORK SUBMISSION DATE
Consult ECP for instructions.

THESIS SUBMISSION DATE
Consult ECP for instructions.

SEMESTER 2

HISTORY HONOURS THESIS SEMINAR (for students submitting in Semester 2)
(date, time and location TBA)

COURSEWORK SUBMISSION DATE
Consult ECP for instructions.

THESIS SUBMISSION DATE: Consult ECP for instructions.

E. SUBMITTING HONOURS THESES

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

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 not included in the overall word-count. In footnotes, DOI is not required. Even if journal articles are made available via a database, provided you give the full details of the publication, it's unnecessary to also give the library URL. This is distinct from web- pages or sources which only exist on a website, where you do need to provide those details. If a book that you cite exists in hard copy as well as online, just give the full publication details. It's not necessary to tell us how you accessed it via the UQ Library.

The thesis is submitted as one MS Word document and you will need to have continuous numbering for the entire thesis. Given this, it is not necessary to give full footnote references in each new chapter.

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 be 16,000–20,000 words (excluding footnotes and bibliography).

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

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 when UQ officially publishes results.

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.