



Focus on your  
**passion**  
and contribute to  
arts research

## Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

This program gives you the opportunity to research an area you're passionate about. You'll build your research skills as you design and conduct a thesis study to contribute to arts research, with the support of a supervisor with relevant research interests and expertise in your chosen area of study.

You'll learn to critically review relevant published literature and undertake useful and meaningful research. You'll also develop your presentation skills and deliver at least one presentation on your research progress.

Join our research student community and attend thesis seminars and discussion groups with fellow research students. At the end of your honours program, continue your research with further postgraduate study or a higher research degree.

### Specialisations

Creative Writing and Publishing, Criminology and Justice, English, Geography, History, International Studies, Japanese Studies, Journalism, Psychology, Screen Media, Sociology, Sustainability - Society, Theatre and Performance

### Admission requirements

Students must have completed a Bachelor of Arts, or a related degree from a recognised higher education institution, with at least eight courses in the area of study of their thesis topic. A high level of achievement in the intended area of study must be demonstrated. These are minimum requirements and do not guarantee entry.

Importantly, enrolment is contingent upon the University's capacity to provide appropriate supervision in the intended field of research.

Admission is available in Semester 1 only as students need to undertake the coursework component during their first semester.

### Career opportunities

Depending on the research area selected, academia, government / corporate positions in policy development, public administration, journalism, multimedia design.

### MORE INFORMATION

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## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

equates to 1.000  
EFTSL

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) structure is usually as follows:

- a 48 unit coursework component (consisting of a combination of courses weighted from 12 to 24 units), and
- a 48 unit thesis component.

Satisfactory participation in the School's honours seminars, including completion of at least one oral presentation, is also required.

If completing the honours program part-time over two years, the first year will normally comprise coursework and the second will be dedicated to your thesis.

### Coursework component

Coursework comprises a mix of:

- compulsory coursework focusing on methods and methodology (**ART411** Research Design: Methodology and Literature Review Research Design: Methodology and Literature Review)
- reading courses based on a program of supervised reading
- existing courses in the chosen area of study, with additional prescribed reading and assessment
- dedicated Honours courses, or
- relevant courses through other universities

### Thesis component

The nature of the thesis component is determined by the topic, the area of study and the supervisor in conjunction with the Head of School. The University's Honours Seminar Program helps build an honours research culture within USC and provides opportunities for honours students from across the University to meet. At least one oral presentation at the School's honours seminars is a requirements of the Bachelor of Arts (Honours).

### Classes of honours

The degree is awarded in one of the three classes:

- Class I
- Class IIA
- Class IIB
- Class III

The class of honours awarded may not be more than one grade higher than the grade for the thesis. For example, if you receive a Credit grade for your thesis, they may not be awarded the honours degree at a higher level than Class IIA, regardless of the average mark.

### Enrolment and fees

- In any semester, standard full-time enrolment comprises 0.500 EFTSL \*\*
- In any semester, standard part-time enrolment comprises 0.250 EFTSL \*\*
- The census date for withdrawal without financial penalty or academic penalty is the Semester 1 or 2 census date
- Commonwealth supported students pay student contributions
- Students who are not Commonwealth supported pay full tuition fees

\*\* EFTSL

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