

Fast Facts about Anthropology Honours

THE SCOPE: The Honours Program provides a select number of undergraduates with extended training in anthropology. While completing the honours program may be an asset for admission to graduate or professional schools, please note that a self-selected honours degree is not required to attend graduate programs in anthropology.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: To complete honours, students take 60 credits that include 200-level and 300-level courses, and in addition, must complete three 350-level courses (including one methods course) by the time they graduate. Please identify a thesis topic first and then select a faculty supervisor who closely matches your research topic. Projects can be based on ethnographic fieldwork, archival research, Film, or archaeological research. An honours project is completed in your final year over two semesters.

ADMISSIONS to HONOURS YOU MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING:

- Have an overall min. CGPA of 3.0, and in addition, a min. CGPA of 3.5 in Anthropology
- Complete the honours checklist, including getting two signatures, **one** from your thesis advisor and a **second** from the Dept. Honours advisor.
- Ideally, you will meet these requirements before you begin your honours thesis work.

REQUIRED COURSEWORK for HONOURS

200/300-Level Courses

MAX. 36 credits at the 200- and 300-level level, except for a MAX of 21 credits at the 200-level and six credits in Special Topics or Independent Study courses.

Core 350-Level Courses

A minimum of 9 credits of 350-level core courses selected from the following courses: ANTH 352, 355, 357, 358, and 359. **Note:** One of the 350s must be a methods course, which you are recommended to complete in U2, but it is not required.

400/500-Level Courses

A minimum of 9 credits of courses at the 400 or 500 level, with only one Special Topic/Independent Study course.

490-Level Thesis Courses

Required thesis courses ANTH 490D1 and 490D2 (3 credits per term) or, in *exceptional* cases, ANTH 490 (6 credits in one term). ANTH 490 serves as our foundational honours thesis course. It includes supervised reading, archival work, AND writing a 40-page thesis.

Some restrictions: You can take up to 9 credits at the 300/400/500 level in courses offered by other departments, provided these are complementary and are approved by a departmental undergraduate advisor.

KEY POINTS TO CONSIDER

1) THESIS TOPIC AND FACULTY SUPERVISION:

You may approach any Anthropology faculty member to supervise their Honours project. If a suitable faculty member is unavailable, you can contact other anthropologists on campus as potential thesis supervisors. One option is to ask Faculty in similar departments and, also Associate Members in the Anthropology Dept. When contacting a potential thesis advisor, please include a preliminary outline of your research focus.

If you cannot find an appropriate supervisor, another option is to take one of our advanced 500-level anthropology seminars that often include a longer, more in-depth research paper. You are encouraged to meet with any undergraduate advisor to explore your options.

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2) ETHICS REVIEW:

If you are planning a research project that engages human subjects, you must apply for an ethics review with the university's Ethics Review Board (REB). The review process can take time, and students are urged to meet with their supervisor to discuss the REB application early in the planning stage.

3) LENGTH, FORMATTING, AND DUE DATE:

- MAX length is **40 pages** double-spaced (not including bibliography)
- Bibliography style sheets depend on your sub-discipline. Although we recommended those offered by the American Anthropological Association. Please review the *American Anthropologist* or *American Antiquity* for examples.
- The typical and expected deadline is the last day of the semester.

Enjoy, and have fun writing your thesis!