Anthropology Honours

Qualification for Entry
And
The Honours Year
A MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY requires at least 36 senior credit points from the Anthropology Unit of Study Table (see handbook)

You must include

• at least 6 credit points from units of study in each of the three subject areas (Regional, Thematic, and Theory and Method)
• at least 6 credit points from 3000-level units of study.

Both ANTH1001 and ANTH1002 are required for entry into Senior Units of Study
Types of Senior Units

Important:
Check Anthropology Department Website for availability of these units in any given year
Regional

• ANTH2605 Aboriginal Australia: Cultural Journeys
• ANTH2620 China: Contemporary Ethnographies
• ANTH2601 The Ethnography of Southeast Asia
• ANTH2603 Melanesian Worlds: Old and New
• ANTH2630 Indigenous Australians and Modernity
Thematic

- ANTH2625 *Culture and Development*
- ANTH2627 *Medical Anthropology*
- ANTH2628 *Migration and Migrant Cultures*
- ANTH2654 *Forms of Families*
- ANTH 2667 *The Anthropology of Religion*
- ANTH2629 *Race and Ethnic Relations*
- ANTH2653 *Economy and Culture*
- ANTH2621 *Initiation Rituals*
- ANTH2626 *The City: Global Flows and Local forms*
- ANTH2622 *Ethnographic Film*
- ANTH2614 *The Anthropology of Cognitive Systems*
- ANTH2623 *Gender: Anthropological Studies*
Theory and Method

- ANTH2631 Being There: Method in Anthropology
- ANTH2666 History of Anthropological Thought
- ANTH2632 Anthropology of the Body
- ANTH2606 Culture and Unconscious
- ANTH2655 The Social Production of Space
Level three units required for entry into Honours

- Prequisites: 12 credit points SENIOR anthropology
- Units:
  - ANTH3601 Contemporary Theory and Anthropology
  - ANTH3602 Reading Ethnography
ANTH3601 Contemporary Theory and Anthropology

• This unit requires students to explore and debate a set of key concepts and themes that link contemporary theory to the history of the discipline: culture, society, the individual, agency, power, meaning and value
ANTH3602 Reading Ethnography

• This unit focuses on the texts that anthropologists produce and the ways in which they make and build arguments. In doing so it explores issues of comparison, rhetoric, representation and intertextuality
Requirements for Entry into Anthropology Honours:

48 Credit Points of Senior Intermediate (2000 level) and Senior Advanced (3000 level) Units of Study which

• meet the requirements of an anthropology major

• must include BOTH ANTH3601 and ANTH3602.

• must be completed at an Average of 70 or better.
The Honours Year


• In Semester 1, students complete two seminars that address key theoretical complexes in the discipline of Anthropology. Assessment for each of those seminars is worth 20% of the final honours mark.

• Throughout the year students develop a research project in consultation with a supervisor that culminates in a thesis of 18000 – 20000 words worth 60% of the final honours mark.

• Thesis Writing Workshop - held throughout the year to assist with the thesis writing process
Outcomes

• literature identification and evaluation skills
• the capacity to develop a research problem in conjunction with a supervisor
• the identification and development of a personal profile of interests, analytic talents and ethical commitments
• a developed appreciation of disciplinary based theory and method
• specific writing skills including literature review, sustained analysis and empirical description
• large writing project management and development
• time management
• preparation for PhD study
Why do it?

• Pragmatic: Added Value
• Self Improvement: Instead of solving problems we give decide what the discipline means to you and pursue your own research question.
Seminars

• See Anthropology Department Honours Page for information on the Honours Seminars
Thesis

• 18-20000 words
Some recent topics:
• Ceremony, football & jail: An examination of some of the socialisation processes of Warlpiri male youths.
• The Yudruk Phenomenon: Masculinities of Kham and Amdo’s ‘New Generation in Tibet
• Belize Hybrid Medical Practice
• Holocaust Museums, Pilgrimages and Israeli Identity
• Mother India: Local Encounters with Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ARTs)
• Coca, Communication and the Writing of Ethnography: An Andean Contribution to the Textuality Debate
• The Block in Redfern: Space Place and Aboriginal Identity
• The Walk: Ritual, Identity, and Conflict in Northern Ireland
• Towards an understanding of the ecological crisis as archetypal phantasy
Anthropology Honours timeline

- **Week 1, Semester 1**: Honours coursework seminars both commence week 1. Remember both seminars will be compressing 26 contact hours into 11 weeks so you will need to attend for four hours some weeks. Please clarify with the seminar convenor.

- **Week 1, Semester 1**: The thesis workshop convenes in week 1 and continues as agreed between the convener and students throughout semester 1.

- **Friday of Week 2, Semester 1**: Agreement on supervisor and broad area of thesis topic interest (submit to coordinator electronically)

- **Friday of Week 6, Semester 1**: Outline of thesis topic (no more than 200 words) and a working bibliography of references that indicate the profile and viability of the thesis topic (submit to Honours Coordinator electronically).

- **End Week 13, Semester 1**: coursework seminars finish.

- **Second Week of Examination Period in June**: Thesis Epitomes – Wednesday and Thursday (if needed) of second week of examination period in June.

- **August, Semester 2**: For those who choose to participate August is red-inking month with possible extension into the middle of September.

- **1st October**: Students are strongly encouraged to have a complete draft of the thesis submitted to their supervisor by the 1st October at the latest.

- **Monday of Last Week of Teaching in Semester 2: Thesis Due Date**: Four hard copies to be submitted to the school office, and electronic copy to be submitted to the Honours Coordinator.
Frequently asked questions

• Is there mid-year entry  NO
• Can you do it part-time  Possible but structurally very difficult and discouraged