Honours in Indonesian Studies
Department of Indonesian Studies

1. The Program
The Honours year in Indonesian Studies combines advanced level coursework with the opportunity to produce a substantial piece of original research on an Indonesia-related topic. For some students, it is preparation for further study at the doctoral level. For others, it is an opportunity to develop valuable graduate attributes which give them a strong advantage in the job market.

Students with a major in Indonesian Studies should consider undertaking the Honours year if they have performed strongly at the Undergraduate level and would like to develop their skills in research, writing and critical analysis. It is also possible to undertake Honours on an Indonesia-related topic through an Asian Studies major.

2. Prerequisites
48 senior credit points in Indonesian Studies (as a major) with a credit average (of 70% or more) or better and prior permission of the department.

Honours candidates will have fulfilled the faculty requirements for admission into the Honours year. They normally have also competed ASNS 2661 History of Modern Indonesia and ASNS 3690 Approaches to Research in Asian Studies as part of their undergraduate study.

3. Structures of the Honours Year
In Indonesian Studies, the Honours Year is an integrated program of study which consists of three components:

1. A thesis of 18,000-20,000 words (including appendices but excluding footnotes and the bibliography) written in English, worth 60 percent of your Honours mark. The thesis will be evaluated by either two internal examiners, or one internal and one external examiner using these four criteria and the Faculty Honours Scale:
   − Overall command of the secondary literature in English and Indonesian and demonstration of the ability to use this material to construct an original analysis of primary material in Indonesian;
   − Command and analytic use made of a relevant corpus of primary Indonesian language material;
   − Command of a particular disciplinary or interdisciplinary approach;
   − Overall quality and originality of the essay.
2. **Two Honours-level seminars** as follows. Each seminar is worth 20% of your overall Honours mark.

   - Seminar 2: Engaging Asia: a seminar specifically designed for Honours.

4. **Examples of Honours Thesis**

   - Decentralisation, Family Planning and Political Will: A Case Study of Tabanan, Bali, 2012 (Katrina Steeman)
   - The Institutional Challenges of Certifying Community Forests: A Case Study of Central Javanese Farmers, 2012 (Merryn Lagaida)
   - Coalescing for Change: Opportunities, Resources, Tactics and Indonesia’s 2010 – 11 Social Security Campaign, 2012 (Rachelle Cole)
   - Analysing the Discourse on West Papua within the Context of Australia-Indonesia Relationship, 2013 (Melanie Indratheb)
   - Boundary Delimitation as an Imperialist Act: ‘Dutch Imperialism’ and Conflicting Boundary Concepts in the Indonesian Archipelago, 2016 (Lauren Waring)
   - Infrastructure Development and Rural Resistance in Indonesia: A Case Study of the New Yogyakarta International Airport, 2016 (Vivian Honan)
   - Discipline and Institutionalisation: A Comparative Study of Internal Party Discipline Systems in Golkar and NasDem, 2017 (Owen T James)

**Entry Requirements**

Entry requirements for Honours and **Unit Descriptions of Honours Seminar and Thesis Units** can be found in the Subject Area section for the Department of European Studies in the Arts and Social Sciences Undergraduate Handbook. Please also see the Sydney Courses Honours page for more information.

**Enrolment**

In the first instance you should discuss your intention to apply for Honours with the Honours Coordinator.

Once you have been accepted into the Honours program by the Honours Coordinator (or Coordinators for Joint Honours) please go to Sydney Courses and locate your Degree with Honours (e.g. Bachelor of Arts Honours). Click on ‘Apply’ on the right-hand side.

**Please note:** although there is a note below ‘Apply’ that indicates that the information is for prospective students, current students are also deemed ‘prospective students’ for Honours and therefore need to apply through Sydney Student.