

History Honours Information Session

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- Attendance requirements at Bundoora
- Remote attendance (General Seminar only)
- Critical benefits of regular attendance in Melbourne (first semester)

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- Use the summer
- Honours and employment
- Honours scholarships

Experiences

- Honours 2009 students tell all...

Introduction

➤ What is 'Honours'?

- Focused, sustained and independent study
 - Thesis (12-15,000 words)
 - Coursework
- Refinement of humanities-based skills
- Can be done in 'pure' History, or combined with another discipline

➤ Benefits of a fourth year of study

- 'Capping' year
- Opening up opportunities
- Pathways to further graduate and postgraduate study (equiv. to MA Prelim)
- Employment benefits

Application Process and Requirements

➤ Entry requirements

- History major
- Mid-B average or above (for History subjects)
- Some flexibility

➤ Thinking of a thesis topic

- What are you interested in/passionate about?
- Can you live with it for 12 months?
- Do some preliminary research
- Be relatively expedient
 - Are sources readily available?
 - Can you travel? Can you afford to?
 - Is it sensitive (particularly for oral history)?

➤ Finding a Supervisor

- Staff Directory: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/history/staff/index.html>
- Find a Supervisor: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/history/supervisors.html>

Application process and Requirements

➤ Application form and closing date

- History Office by 20 November **at the latest**.
- Try to submit applications at the end of semester
- Internal Applications: History office only
- External Applications: one application to the History Office plus one application to Faculty
- When in doubt: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/history/honours.html>

➤ When do you find out

- Early to Mid December (by letter)
- NB. List a postal address where you will receive mail on time.
- Induction session to be held January

➤ Deferring, part-time enrolment, and mid-year entry

- Offers may be deferred, usually for 12 months at a time
- Honours may be done part-time or full-time.
- You can change your mind after you've applied and been accepted
- Mid-year entry possible but not recommended (except for part-time)

What to expect

➤ **Course structure of honours**

- Thesis (50%)
- Remaining 50% is made up of coursework:
 - Pure
 - 1 Special Subject – History (20%)
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 - 1 General Seminar – History (10%)
 - Combined
 - 1 Special subject – History (25%)
 - 1 Special subject – Other discipline (25%)
 - 1 General Seminar – History
 - 1 General Seminar – Other discipline

➤ **Special Subjects**

- Advice and selection available on acceptance into Honours.

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