



School of Historical and European Studies

History Program Honours

An honours degree in history requires intensive study of the discipline during both third and fourth years. Separate honours studies commence in third year. To be eligible to apply for the honours year students are normally expected to have completed at least 130 credit points of history units with a B grade average. While it is strongly recommended that students who wish to undertake honours complete the special, third year honours preparation unit HIS3RHB: *Reflective and Narrative History*, it is not compulsory to take the unit for admission into honours. Honours students are encouraged to take at least 150 credit points of history units. Students are advised to consult with the history lecturers and tutors with whom they are studying before applying, as a high standard is expected in the course.

History honours at fourth year consists of: two components of coursework, each of which counts for 20% of the final mark; attendance at and participation in the History Honours General Seminar in both first and second semesters, including an examination in the first semester which counts for 10% of the final mark; and a research thesis of 12000 to 15000 words, which counts for 50% of the final mark .

Completion of the honours degree at first-class or upper second-class level qualifies a student to continue on to postgraduate study. (It is also possible to qualify for postgraduate studies by taking a Masters Preliminary course, subject to the same requirements and recommendations as above).

How to Apply

If you are interested in undertaking an honours year in history, you should:

DISCUSS ideas for a thesis topic with the lecturers and tutors with whom you have studied.

SECURE the agreement of a staff member who is willing to act as your supervisor.

WRITE a 200-300 word abstract of your thesis research topic (this is not binding).

APPLY for admission using the form on the reverse of this page.

The completed application should be returned by the due date to either: the essay box outside the History Program General Office (David Myers Building East, room E111), or by registered post to *Honours Applications, History Program, La Trobe University, Victoria 3086*.

Students applying for an honours year may also apply in advance for a grant of up to \$2,000 through the La Trobe University Scholarships Unit. For more information visit: www.latrobe.edu.au/scholarships. All queries should be directed to the Scholarships Unit.

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SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL & EUROPEAN STUDIES

HISTORY PROGRAM

HONOURS/MA PRELIM APPLICATION FORM

(HIS4HNF or HIS4HNP)

YEAR OF STUDY: _____

NAME: _____

STUDENT ID: _____

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

TOWN/SUBURB: _____ POST CODE: _____

PHONE(H): _____ (W): _____

(M): _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

I am applying for: **HONOURS / MA PRELIM.** (please circle)

I intend to study: **FULL-TIME / PART-TIME** (please circle)

Are you applying for an Honours year in any other discipline for a combined Honours status?

If so, please state discipline: _____

PROPOSED THESIS TOPIC: _____

NAME & SIGNATURE OF PROPOSED SUPERVISOR: _____

PLEASE ATTACH: a copy of your academic record to date and a thesis proposal of 200-300 words. Such a proposal can only be very tentative at this stage, but it serves to help you to establish the viability of your topic. Where possible, indicate the topic you propose to investigate, likely theoretical approaches, and the availability of source materials. If you need further advice about selecting a thesis topic and supervisor, please make an appointment to speak to the Honours Coordinator.

Please submit this form to the history office by the due date stated on the History Program website.

OFFICE USE :

130 HIS CPs?	Y / N
HIS3RHB?	Y / N
Approval Granted?	Y / N
Signature & Date:	
Comments:	