



Focus on your  
**passion**  
and contribute to  
arts research

## Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

This program gives you the opportunity to research an area you're passionate about. You'll build your research skills as you design and conduct a thesis study to contribute to arts research, with the support of a supervisor with relevant research interests and expertise in your chosen area of study.

You'll learn to critically review relevant published literature and undertake useful and meaningful research. You'll also develop your presentation skills and deliver at least two lectures on your research progress.

Join our research student community and attend thesis seminars and discussion groups with fellow research students. At the end of your honours program, continue your research with further postgraduate study or a higher research degree.

### Specialisations

Australian studies; communication studies; computer-based design; creative advertising; creative writing; English; geography; history; Indigenous studies; journalism; planning studies; politics and international relations; public relations; sociology.

### Admission requirements

Students must have completed a Bachelor of Arts, or a related degree from a recognised higher education institution, with at least eight courses in the area of study of their thesis topic. A good level of achievement in the intended area of study must be demonstrated. These are minimum requirements and do not guarantee entry.

Importantly, enrolment is contingent upon the University's capacity to provide appropriate supervision in the intended field of research.

### Career opportunities

Depending on the research area selected, academia, government / corporate positions in policy development, public administration, journalism, multimedia design.

### About USC

USC is located on the Sunshine Coast, 90km north of Brisbane, Queensland. It's one of Australia's premier destinations with beautiful beaches, subtropical hinterland and warm weather all year round.

USC is a relaxed campus with modern facilities, green spaces and lots of kangaroos.

### LOCATIONS

Sunshine Coast  
Moreton Bay

### CRICOS CODE

026637D

### PROGRAM LENGTH

1 year

### COMMENCE

Semester 1

### ANNUAL TUITION FEE

A\$26,000

### ESTIMATED TOTAL TUITION FEE

A\$26,000

### MORE INFORMATION

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## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) structure is usually as follows:

- a 48 unit coursework component (consisting of a combination of courses weighted from 12 to 24 units), and
- a 48 unit thesis component.

Satisfactory participation in the Faculty Honours Seminar is also required.

If completing the honours program part-time over two years, the first year will normally comprise coursework and the second will be dedicated to your thesis.

### Coursework component

Coursework comprises a mix of:

- **ART411** Research Design: Methodology and Literature Review
- reading courses based on a program of supervised reading
- existing courses in the chosen area of study, with additional prescribed reading and assessment
- dedicated honours courses, or
- relevant courses through other universities

### Thesis component

The thesis component consists of a sustained scholarly project developed from the research proposal a student submits with their honours enrolment application. The nature and topic of this component is determined by the student's interests, the interests of potential supervisors and the availability of appropriate supervision.

The research proposal accompanying the honours enrolment application is normally two to three pages in length. It includes an outline of the research topic, its rationale, an indication of the research methodology, and should refer to relevant literature in the topic area.

The completed thesis is normally 15,000–25,000 words in length. The required length is determined by the precise nature of the research, in consultation with the supervisor and subject to the approval of the Dean.

### Classes of honours

The degree is awarded in one of the three classes:

- Class I
- Class IIA
- Class IIB
- Class III

The class of honours awarded may not be more than one grade higher than the grade for the thesis. For example, if you receive a Credit grade for your thesis, they may not be awarded the honours degree at a higher level than Class IIA, regardless of the average mark.

### Enrolment and fees

- In any semester, standard full-time enrolment comprises 0.500 EFTSL \*\*
- In any semester, standard part-time enrolment comprises 0.250 EFTSL \*\*
- The census date for withdrawal without financial penalty or academic penalty is the Semester 1 or 2 census date
- Commonwealth supported students pay student contributions

- Students who are not Commonwealth supported pay full tuition fees

\*\* EFTSL

- Equivalent Full-Time Student Load. One year of full-time study equates to 1.000

EFTSL

Note: Not all USC courses are available on every USC campus.