

Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) (677AA.3)

Please note these are the 2021 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	N/A
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	1.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society
UAC code	
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.5 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).
	View IELTS equivalences

International students

Academic entry requirements	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.
	View UC's academic entry requirements

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Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	1.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society
CRICOS code	049162M
English language requirements	<p>An IELTS Academic score of 6.5 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).</p> <p>View IELTS equivalences</p>

About this course

Enhance your research skills with an Honours degree

Our Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) course is designed to extend the research capabilities you've gained in your undergraduate degree, and prepare you for a variety of high-level careers in areas such as law, public policy, business management, PR, fundraising, media, journalism or academia. During this one-year course, you will study specific topics, including epistemology and ontology, and gain an insight into a variety of research approaches.

Across your study period you will have access to professional mentors who will assist you in the preparation of your professional thesis. You will explore valuable universal skills, such as critical thinking, critical reading, listening and reviewing, which will be applicable to your chosen future industry, and will be encouraged to tailor the course content to your own specific areas of interest. Upon graduation, you will be well-placed to continue down an academic career path via further masters or PhD study, or ready to enter a range of different sectors where a strong background in research is highly sought after.

Study a Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) at UC and you will:

- understand the nature of research and independent thinking and action
- comprehend the main theoretical ideas that underpin research in a range of social science, business, management and other contexts
- demonstrate the ability to use research methodologies in relation to specific questions
- learn about qualitative and quantitative research approaches
- understand and apply theoretical frameworks.

Work Integrated Learning

A key component of this course is to undertake a specialised real-world honours research thesis of your choosing, which will enhance your employability and ensure you're armed with the right mix of skills and knowledge to succeed in your future employment, in whichever sector you decide to forge a career in.

You will learn valuable research skills aimed at helping you in your future career, including how to pitch a conference paper, how to submit proposals to publishers, how to apply for scholarships and research funding, and how to conduct surveys and research in a real-world environment. For those interested in pursuing an academic career, there are opportunities to gain teaching experience by engaging in tutoring or guest lecture delivery.

Career opportunities

Opportunities exist for Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) graduates in a range of sectors, including:

- Sessional academic
- Public servant
- Policy officer
- Public affairs consultant
- Political researcher
- Intelligence officer
- National security adviser
- Foreign policy adviser
- Surveillance officer
- Consular officer
- Political adviser
- Diplomatic service officer
- Political journalist
- Program director
- International development worker
- Campaign manager
- Company director
- Business adviser

Course specific information

Students are required to have completed an undergraduate degree in an area relevant to their proposed program of study, have evidence of having performed in subjects relevant to the proposed study at a Distinction level or above, and provide a research proposal with their application.

Admission requirements

Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules and university policy](#).

Course requirements

Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) (677AA) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

[Honours Research Colloquium \(6610\) | 3 credit points – Level H](#)

[Research Methodology and Research Design H \(6807\) | 3 credit points – Level H](#)

[Honours Research Thesis 18cp \(6cp\) \(7065\) | 18 credit points – Level H](#)

[Honours Research Thesis 18cp \(12cp\) \(7333\) | 18 credit points – Level H](#)

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Honours Research Colloquium \(6610\)](#)

[Honours Research Thesis 18cp \(6cp\) \(7065\)](#)

[Research Methodology and Research Design H \(6807\)](#)

Semester 2

[Honours Research Thesis 18cp \(12cp\) \(7333\)](#)

Course information

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
To provide an in-depth understanding of research methods	Students will develop analytical and critical capacities as they engage with complex issues. Students will be able to present arguments and ideas effectively and have the capacity to analyse and assess these arguments.
Provide an advanced understanding of honours level research culture.	Students will develop information literacy and numeracy and their competencies in the use of information as they engage with the disciplinary perspectives and characteristic methods of enquiry. Students will learn to express knowledge, ideas and opinions, both orally and in written form with confidence and clarity. Students will be able to select and use appropriate information and communication technology to retrieve, manipulate and present information.
Develop the ability to execute a major independent research project.	Students will develop an appreciation of research ethics and related questions of social responsibility. Students will develop problem solving skills and develop their capacity to work with others to create effective workplace relations. Students will develop as independent self-directed learners with the capacity and motivation for life long learning and obtain personal attributes that will allow them to be independent thinkers and agents for change. Students will be confident in themselves and their own skills and knowledge.

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)	BCom (Hons)
Bachelor of Management (Honours)	B Mgt(Hons)
Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)	B Phil (Hons)
Bachelor of Tourism Management (Honours)	B TrsmMgt (Hons)
Bachelor of Applied Economics (Honours)	BAppEc (Hons)
Bachelor of Building and Construction Management (Honours)	B Bldg&ConstrMgt (Hons)
Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours)	B BusAdmin (Hons)

Bachelor of Politics and International Relations (Honours)	B Politics&IntlRel(Hons)
Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours)	B Urb&RegPlan (Hons)
Bachelor of Environmental Health (Honours)	
Bachelor of Public Health (Honours)	

Honours

Qualifying students will be awarded an Honours award on the basis of their bachelor degree and thesis topic. Students may apply to be awarded the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) degree.

First Class Honours is awarded to students who have both a GPA of at least 6 and an exceptional performance in the honours thesis component of their assessment.

Second Class - Division 1: both a GPA of at least 5.25 and a very good performance in the honours thesis component of their assessment.

Second Class - Division 2: both a GPA of at least 4.5 and a good performance in the Honours thesis component of their assessment.

Third Class: both a GPA of at least 4 and an adequate performance in their Honours thesis component of their assessment.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Prospective International Students	Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342
Current and Commencing Students	Dr Mary Walsh - course convener Telephone: (02) 6201 2727 E-mail: Mary.Walsh@canberra.edu.au

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.