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School of Languages and Cultures

Honours Program Information Session 2026

Friday 18 September

Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.

The Brisbane River pattern from *A Guidance Through Time* by Casey Coolwell and Kyra Mancktelow.

Outline

1. Benefits of doing Honours

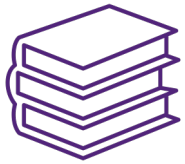
2. Structure of Program

3. Application process

Benefits of doing Honours

One year
(2 semesters FT)

One focused
(passion)
research project



Original &
independent
research

Working with
internationally
renowned
academics

Benefits of doing Honours

- Deepen your curiosity and explore the big questions that matter to you.
- Advance your chosen language or area of specialisation through focused study and research.
- Gain hands-on research experience and learn essential HASS methodologies.
- Design and deliver your own research project and bring original ideas to life.
- Build autonomy and time management skills while leading a major project.
- Connect with expert academics and join a global scholarly community.
- Stand out in the job market with sought-after critical thinking and communication skills.
- Set yourself up for further study, from coursework Masters to MPhil and PhD pathways.

Whether you're planning for further study, a global career, or just want to explore your discipline in greater depth, Honours gives you the tools, confidence and experience to take the next step.

SLC Honours structure: Majors/fields

- Chinese (including Translation and Interpreting)
- English as an International Language (new title: Language, Technology & Global Communication')
- French
- German
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Linguistics
- Russian
- Spanish

Honours study is available as part of the **Bachelor of Arts (Hons)**

SLC Honours Structure: Supervisors

Decide the area of studies/project that you feel passionate about.

Talk to lecturers in your major(s) that relate to these areas.

Explore SLC academic staff profiles! Read their work/publications: https://languages-cultures.uq.edu.au/team/academic

Structure of program (16 units)

4 units of Research Methods Coursework

+

12 units of Thesis

SLC Honours Structure – Commencing in Sem 1 (FULL TIME)

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SEMESTER 1

4 Units of Research Design Coursework:

HHSS6020 Research Design in Social Sciences
OR
HHSS6030 Research Design in Humanities
OR
HHSS6040 Research Design in Arts and Culture

+

4 Units of Honours Thesis
(Research Thesis)

SEMESTER 2

+

8 Units of Honours Thesis
(Research Thesis)

SLC Honours Structure – Commencing in Sem 1 (PART-TIME)

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	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
SEM 1	**4 Units of Research Design Coursework:** **HHSS6020 Research Design in Social Sciences** *OR* **HHSS6030 Research Design in Humanities** *OR* **HHSS6040 Research Design in Arts and Culture**	**4 Units of Honours Thesis** (Research Thesis)
SEM 2	**4 Units of Honours Thesis** (Research Thesis)	**4 Units of Honours Thesis** (Research Thesis)

THESIS

Depending on your field of study, your Honours thesis can be written in a number of languages:

- **English: 15,000-20,000 words**
- **Spanish/ French/ German/ Indonesian/ Russian: 12,000-16,000 words**
- **Korean: 10,000-17,000 words**
- **Chinese: 20,000-32,500 characters**
- **Japanese: 30,000-40,000 characters**

SLC Honours: Key Milestones

New from 2026 to meet institutional requirements and ensure consistent, secure assessment practices across Honours programs in HASS

Thesis Due date: W11

Theses across HASS will be submitted by WEEK 11 to be marked by 2 EXAMINERS (not supervisor)

Oral Defence: W13 or EP

Held in WEEK 13 or during the Examination Period, Oral Defence is a brief presentation and a Q&A discussion with two examiners.

Assessment Criteria:

Research problem, design and rationale;

Quality of argument;

Use of secondary literature to provide analytical framework;

Selection and use of appropriate source materials/data;

Methodology. Understanding and justification of use of appropriate methods;

Presentation, organization and written expression.

2 Examiners
(not the advisor)

Application process
BEFORE you Apply: Key Requirements

- Check your GPA: 5.5 in your (extended) major;
- Full-time or part-time?
- Contact your prospective supervisor;
- Write a research proposal (500-1,000 words, including a topic, research questions, methodology, data) – to be included in step 1 of your application;
- Discuss your research proposal with your prospective supervisor to obtain their agreement to supervise you.

Stuck and need ideas in relation to a topic and/or supervisor?
Contact me at slc.honours@uq.edu.au

2-Step Application Process

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INTERNATIONAL

STEP 1: deadline 15 November

Submit your expression of interest to SLC: https://survey.app.uq.edu.au/SLC-Honours-EOI

Include supervisor's name & your proposal.

You will likely be contacted within 1 week regarding your application.

STEP 2: deadline 30 November

Deadline for applications via UQ system: https://study.uq.edu.au/admissions/honours/submit-your-application

DOMESTIC

STEP 1: deadline 15 January

Submit your expression of interest to SLC: https://survey.app.uq.edu.au/SLC-Honours-EOI

Include supervisor's name & your proposal.

You will likely be contacted within 1 week regarding your application.

STEP 2: deadline 31 January

Deadline for applications via UQ system: https://study.uq.edu.au/admissions/honours/submit-your-application

AFTER you apply…

- All the requirements will be officially checked;
- If anything needs to be updated or clarified, you will be contacted;
- Wait for information from Admissions;
- After you've enrolled, you and your supervisor will set up your Study Plan with the SLC Honours Coordinator (*indicating which of the 3 possible Research Design Courses suits your project best*).

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **SUMMER AND WINTER RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAMS –** open to undergraduate, Honours, ma and PhD students
- **SLC HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **SLC UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS** – some are open to Honours students
- **HASS UNDERGRADUATE AND HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS** – some are open to Honours students

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Questions?

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