

GUIDELINES FOR HONOURS STUDENTS

The B.A. Honours Program allows more specialization than the ordinary B.A. It is designed for students who wish a deeper insight and more intensive training in History, and who are able to meet the standards set.

There are three possible streams: Research Paper, Project, and Coursework.

While the Honours Program is intended to be more demanding than the ordinary B.A., it does not emphasize original research or specialization to the same extent as the Master's degree.

Students in the Research Paper and Project streams must receive credit for HIST 498 and HIST 499 (with a grade of at least 75% in each). For the Research Paper there is an oral examination at the end of the second semester.

Requirements

The Honours Program in History must include the following:

- History 100-level
- A minimum of seven 200-level History courses
- A minimum of seven 300 or 400-level History courses
- **Research Paper and Project Streams**
 - HIST 400, HIST 415 or any 400-level History course as specified by the History Dept. Honours Coordinator
 - History 498 and 499 (with a grade of at least 75% in each)
- **Coursework Stream**
 - Any four 400-level History courses

A student must obtain a grade of at least 75% in History and an overall average of 70% to be awarded the Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in history.

HOW TO JOIN THE HONOURS PROGRAM

1. To apply, you will need to fill out an *Application for Admission to an Honours Program* form, found on the Faculty of Arts website <http://tinyurl.com/4ebpp9k2> or from the Arts Student Services Office, CL 411. Once you submit your application to the Arts Student Services Office, your application will be reviewed by an Academic Advisor and the History Dept. Honours Coordinator. If you are an Arts student admitted through one of the Federated Colleges (Campion College, Frist Nations University Canada, or Luther College) you will need to speak to an Academic Adviser there to apply.
2. Once accepted, contact the Honours Coordinator in the Dept. of History <http://tinyurl.com/yc37x462>
3. If you have any questions you can contact the Arts Student Services Office at 306-585-4137 or arts.studentservices@uregina.ca or the Dept. of History at 306-585-4209 or history.dept@uregina.ca

Turn over for details on the Research Paper and Project Streams.....

THE HONOURS PROJECT OPTION REQUIREMENTS

In the Honours Project Option the student will undertake a project in consultation with their supervisor. The Head of the History Department will assist students in identifying a suitable supervisor. The supervisor and the Head of the Department of History must agree that the Project is suitable.

The First Semester

During the first semester (when the student is registered in HIST 498), the student's advisor will:

- Assist the student in defining a title for the Honours Project, the parameters for the research to be conducted, and a timeline for completion of the Honours Project.
- Inform the student of the criteria for grading (by the second week of the semester).
- At the end of the first semester, submit a written progress report to the Head of the Department of History. (This will be discussed with the student.)
- At the end of the semester, assign a grade for HIST 498.

During this semester, the student will:

- Develop a clear outline, defining the Project and what must be done to bring it to completion.
- Meet with the advisor at regular intervals (at least once every two weeks) to discuss progress.
- Complete written work as required.
- Attend and contribute to the Honours Symposium which will be scheduled as a one-time event for all students registered in HIST 498 (normally 8-9 weeks into the semester). Each student will make a 5-10 minute presentation relating to their work and discuss this with their peers and with faculty.

The Second Semester

During the second semester (when the student is registered in HIST 499), the student will:

- Continue to meet with the advisor at regular intervals (at least once every two weeks) to discuss progress in realizing the Project.
- No later than 7 days prior to the beginning of the Honours exam period (this period is normally the second last week of classes), submit the final version of the Honours Project to the Departmental Secretary.
- During the Honours exam period, sit an oral examination of the Honours Project. The examining committee will comprise a minimum of two and not more than three faculty members, of whom the Head of the Department of History will be one; the Head will also Chair the examination. The examination will be of approximately one hour's duration.
- At the end of the oral examination a grade will be assigned for HIST 499.

THE HONOURS ESSAY OPTION REQUIREMENTS

In the Honours Essay Option, the student will develop an essay of 5-6000 words on a topic chosen in consultation with their supervisor. The Head of the Department of History will assist students in identifying a suitable supervisor.

The First semester

During the first semester (when the student is registered in HIST 498), the student's advisor will:

- ❖ Assist the student in defining a title for the study, the parameters for the research to be accomplished, and a timeline for completion of the Honours Essay.
- ❖ Inform the student of the criteria for grading (by the second week of the semester).
- ❖ At the end of the semester, submit a written progress report to the Head of the Department of History. (This will be discussed with the student.)
- ❖ At the end of the semester, assign a grade for HIST 498.

During this semester, the student will:

- ❖ Develop a clear outline (1-2 pages) defining the topic and the specific subjects or themes to be studied as well as a bibliography of source materials.
- ❖ Complete written work as required
- ❖ Meet at least once every two weeks with the advisor to discuss progress with the research and writing.
- ❖ Attend and contribute to the Honours Symposium which will be scheduled as a one-time event for all students registered in HIST 498 (normally 8-9 weeks into the semester). Each student will make a 5-10 minute presentation relating to their work and discuss this with their peers and with faculty.

The Second semester

During the second semester (when the student is registered in HIST 499), the student will:

- ❖ Continue to meet with the supervisor at regular intervals (at least once every two weeks) to discuss progress with the research and writing.
- ❖ No later than 7 days prior to the beginning of the Honours exam period (this period is normally the second last week of classes), submit the final version of the Honours Essay to the Departmental Secretary.
- ❖ During the Honours exam period, sit an oral examination of the Honours Essay. The examining committee will comprise a minimum of two and not more than three faculty members, of whom the Head of the Department of History will be one; the Head will also Chair the examination. The examination will be of approximately one hour's duration.
- ❖ At the end of the oral examination a grade will be assigned for HIST 499.