



Honours Programme

Monash University
School of Geography &
Environmental Science

Why do Honours at Australia's leading School of Geography & Environmental Science?

- Intellectual challenge.
- Personal achievement.
- Develop a range of high-level skills.
- Learn to use specialist equipment.
- Deepen and broaden your knowledge.
- Round off your major.
- Provide entry to graduate studies.

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- Engage critically with your discipline.
- Conduct detailed research on a topic that you are particularly fascinated by.
- Contribute to intellectual debate, community involvement, policy, etc.
- Work intensively with an expert supervisor in your area of research interest.
- Become an active member of a friendly, supportive, specialist learning community.

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Why do Honours at Australia's leading School of Geography & Environmental Science?

- Compete for more specialised, and a wider variety of, careers - often with greater responsibility and financial reward (higher starting salary and higher ceiling).
- Employment may be in management, research, consultancies, policy and planning.

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Prerequisites; Conditions; & Programme . . .



Prerequisites

- Three prerequisites are stipulated:
 1. you have completed your normal requirements for the degree,
 2. you have completed a major sequence in G&ES (48 points or more in three years),
 3. grades of at least 70% in G&ES (to the value of 24 points @ 2nd & 3rd year level including at least 18 points @ 3rd year level.)

Conditions

- Entry through Arts, Science, Environmental Science, or double degrees.
- Honours can be done in single, double, or combined degrees.
- Full-time and part-time honours is available.
- Entry can commence at the beginning of the calendar year or as mid-year entry.
- Joint supervision can be arranged.

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Programme

- For Science or Arts students, the honours program involves the following (or equivalent codes) – with BEnvSci students usually doing at least GES4860:
 1. GES4820 Seminar in Geography 12 pts, 1st semester
 2. GES4840 Directed Studies 12 pts, usually 1st semester
 3. GES4860 Honours Thesis 24 pts (15-18000 words), usually 2nd semester (but begin early!)

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Research Areas & Potential Supervisors . . .



Research Areas & Staff

- ***Biogeography*** - Quaternary environments; palynology and palaeoecology (APK)
- ***Climatology*** - climate change and variability; earth systems interactions (JB; NT; AL)
- ***Geomorphology*** - arid land landscape processes; formation of Eastern Highlands (DLD; MO)

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- ***Hydrology*** - hydrological impacts of bushfires; water resources (DLD; RB)
- ***Soils*** - soil development; soil management issues (MO)
- ***Geographical Information Systems*** - environmental monitoring; spatial modelling (XZ; SC; JP)

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- ***Indigenous Archaeology*** - cultural landscapes; spiritscapes and seascapes (BD; IM)
- ***Environmental Policy*** - agenda formation; policy analysis (CC; SL; CK; SP)
- ***Political Ecology*** - roots of environmental change; resource management conflict (CK; PR)
- ***Sustainable Development*** - ecotourism; urban design (CC; SP)

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- ***Development Studies*** - uneven development; access, equity & justice issues (PR; BM; CT; AG)
- ***Economic Geography*** - globalisation; trans-national corporations (ES)
- ***Cultural Geography*** - gender and racial issues; place and identity (LC/AG; ES)
- ***Historical Geography*** - environmental history, forest history, regional development (SL)

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- ***Urban Geography*** - housing markets and demographic change; migration trends (MW; SL)
- ***Rural & Regional Communities*** – rural decline; provincial sponge cities; sustainable communities (CC; JD; SL)

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Scholarships

- Four types of scholarship are available
 - Faculty (automatically ranked by Faculty),
 - University (nominated by Faculty),
 - SGES (automatically ranked on 'merit'; 'special needs' scholarships require special application)
 - Summer (requires special application for a one month supervised project).
- These are mostly competitive & merit-based, but a small number of needs-based scholarships are also available. Information on applications/dates etc on Faculty and SGES website <http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/ges/>

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Honours Applications

- 'Internal' applications for honours are due by last Friday in November 2006 (with second round offers due last January 2007). External applications are also available.
- The forms must be obtained from the relevant Faculty Office or off their website and all must be checked with, and signed by, the SGES Honours Coordinator (Dr Stephen Legg, room s221 Menzies Building, 99052916) before returning the forms to the relevant Faculty Office.
- The faculty Honours Administrators are Robert Oakley (99051462) in the Science Faculty and Suba Vaasan in the Arts Faculty (99055858).
- The process can be time-consuming, so plan carefully and give the process plenty of time.

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Application Process

- Discuss possible thesis projects, directed studies units, and likely supervisors with appropriate academic staff ***before*** applying. Read their staff profiles on our website. ‘Shop around’ for ideas and potential supervisors – find which supervisor is best suited.
- Contact the SGES Honours Coordinator Dr Stephen Legg with any queries about Honours in Geography and Environmental Science (9905 2916 or email Stephen.Legg@arts.monash.edu.au).