THE HONOURS PROGRAM

The Honours Program offers an undergraduate student the opportunity to undertake, in his or her fourth year, a concentrated course of studies related specifically to the student's interests. The programme focuses upon the Honours Thesis (GEOG 499 A and B; 3.0 units total) that involves the completion and oral presentation of a faculty-supervised research project chosen by the student.

Undergraduate students considering future graduate work will find that the Honours Program provides them with certain advantages in comparison with a Major degree programme. In particular, the formulation of an Honours Thesis, with its associated literature reviews, fieldwork, data collection, analysis, interpretation, writing and oral examination, affords invaluable research experience. Entry into many graduate schools is facilitated by completion of an Honours Program and may also provide some advantages when competing for jobs.

Besides catering to prospective graduate students, the Honours Program is also designed to provide an intellectually stimulating and satisfying programme for any undergraduate who wishes to improve his or her in-depth knowledge of Geography. In addition, any student who wishes to pursue a specific research topic, at a level usually not possible in most normal classes, will find the Honours Program particularly valuable.

Successful applications to the Program include a written agreement from a Faculty member in the department to serve as thesis supervisor, and a minimum GPA of 6.0 for all 300- and 400-level courses based on a minimum of 12.0 units of which 9.0 units or more must be Geography. Applicants must be eligible for fourth year standing (42.0 units completed).