



HONOURS PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION
ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Xwsep̓səm/Esquimalt) Peoples on whose territory the university stands, and the Ləkʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ Peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

HOSTS

- Dr. Mélissa Gauthier: Associate teaching professor, undergraduate and honours advisor
- Skye Bartel-Ens & Beatrice McIntosh
 - Past honours students (2025)
- Jindra Belanger
 - Graduate & Undergraduate program assistant



ANTH HONOURS PROGRAM

- Apply by January 15th in your 3rd year
- Take in the spring term of your 4th year
- Attend honours seminar (ANTH 499) from January to April
- Work one-on-one with a faculty member on a research project of your choice
- Write a paper & present at a conference



BENEFITS OF HONOURS PROGRAM

- Study anthropology more intensively and independently
- Enhances your research skills – asset for professional career and/or grad school
- Spend time in a small group of like-minded students
 - New networking opportunities
 - Supporting and helping each other
- Traditionally considered an excellent preparation for grad school (not a requirement)



PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



To graduate with an Honours degree, students must complete


- all requirements of the [BA](#) or [BSc](#) major in Anthropology
- Complete 1 of:
 - [ANTH400A](#) - History of Anthropological Theory (1.5)
 - [ANTH400B](#) - Current Trends in Anthropological Theory (1.5)
- Complete [ANTH499](#) - Honours Seminar (1.5)
- Complete 4.5 units from ANTH 300 – 499 (excluding ANTH 400A, 400B, 499)
 - 1.5 units of Method and Theory
 - 1.5 units of 300- or 400-level ANTH coursework in preparation for Honours' research, to be chosen in consultation with the Honours adviser
- ❖ Honours students complete the above 7.5 units of ANTH coursework in-lieu of electives

ANTH 499



- ANTH 499 - Honours Seminar – Spring Term
 - students learn the theoretical, methodological, and empirical competencies necessary for completion of an honours paper
 - professional development is also a fundamental part of this course
- Honours paper & Presentation
 - Students complete either an in-depth review of literature on a topic of their choice or do original research on an anthropological issue
 - Students present their research at Currents in Anthropology (annual student research conference)

HONOURS RESEARCH PROJECT:

1. A library-based analysis of a topic using secondary sources
 2. Research involving the collection and analysis of primary data available in the public domain
 3. Research involving the collections or research process of a faculty member at UVIC
 4. Collecting firsthand data in conducting fieldwork (interviews, sessions of observation, etc.) with a small sample of participants (requires approval of Human Research Ethics Board)
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FINDING A SUPERVISOR

- You may consider approaching a potential supervisor in your 3rd year
 - Though most students find a supervisor at the beginning of the honours program
 - Having a clear project outlined and confirmed is not required when you apply
- Find faculty with similar research interest and reach out
- Supervisor's agreement to take you on does not guarantee your acceptance into the program

www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/anthropology/faculty-staff/index.php

Faculty & staff

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- Office
- Faculty**
- Cross-listed & Limited Term Faculty
- Staff
- Emeriti
- Adjunct professors
- Post-Doctoral Fellows
- Senior lab & tutorial instructors
- Sessional instructors

Office

The Department of Anthropology general office is in [Cornett Building \(COR\) B228](#). We're in the office Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. & work remotely on Fridays.

[More contact information](#)

Faculty



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MEETING WITH YOUR SUPERVISOR

The faculty supervisor will guide you and evaluate your work one-on-one over the spring term.

When meeting a potential supervisor:

- Visit faculty member's webpage to learn about their research
- Be informed and enthusiastic; prepare a few questions
- If you already have research ideas, feel free to discuss them
- Please note that some faculty members may not be available if they are on a research leave or already supervising another student



MISCELLANEOUS BITS



- Ethics

- Under the guidance of your supervisor you will apply for ethics (if applicable)
- Wise to do early on

- JCURA - Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

- Supports students' research project under the mentorship of a faculty supervisor
- Perfect opportunity to do together with honours – get paid for your research
- <https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/uviclearn/researching/jcura/>

- Course load during ANTH 499

- Depends on each student – but anywhere between 3-5 courses

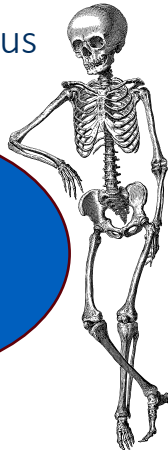
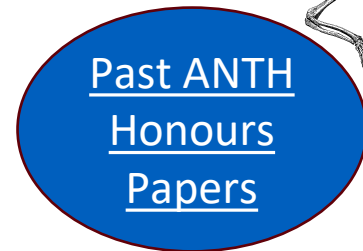
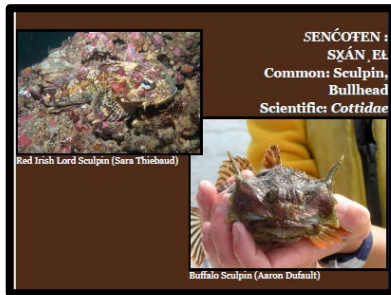
HOW TO APPLY



- Deadline - January 15 (start – January of the next year)
- Apply after you have declared an anthropology major
- GPA of at least 6.0 in upper-level Anthropology courses & maintain a cumulative GPA of 5.5 to continue in the program in the 4th year.
- Application form online:
www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/anthropology/programs/honours

LAST YEAR'S RESEARCH

- The Zooarchaeological Study of Sculpin (Cottidae) at an Ancient W̱ SÁNEĆ Village Site: *Skye Bartel-Ens*
- Childhood growth: Comparing long bone cortical thickness and length in four hunter gatherer societies: *Avery Cobby*
- Coming of age post B'nai Mitzvah: Community seeking, identity development, and diasporic translocal space among Jewish youth in Victoria, British Columbia: *Beatrice McIntosh*
- Reframing Food Sovereignty in Eastern Cuba: Informal Economies and the Pursuit of Adequacy Among Small-Scale Farming Communities: *Dana Frederick*
- Denial of Compensation for Marine Conservation: Pelagic Northern Fur Sealing as an Indigenous Industry on the Northwest Coast. *Fynley Calder-Rasmussen*



DECISIONS

We do our best to notify students by the end of January.



FAQ



When should I apply?

- By January 15th to start in the honours program **the next January**
- When you are starting your 3rd year and take honours in your 4th year
 - ✓ I.e. if you are in your 3rd year now, apply by January 15th 2025 to take honours in January 2026

How is admission determined?

- Admissions decisions are based on a variety of factors:
 - ✓ Applicant's scholarly promise as evidenced by transcripts/GPA/grades
 - ✓ Availability of faculty to supervise the applicant's research
 - ✓ Total number of applicants
- How many students usually apply and how many are accepted?
 - We receive between 10-15 applications
 - We accept between 5-10 applicants per year



FAQ from info session

Can I have a supervisor from another department?

- If you want to work with a supervisor from another department you should be applying for the honours program in that department. Otherwise (if they don't have an honours program) you would need to choose your main supervisor from ANTH but are welcome to bring in another faculty from another department

What is the usual course load while doing honours?

- If you are able to, stay on the low side of how many courses you take while in the honours seminar (ANTH 499)

Are transfer credits counted in the GPA?

- We generally look at the GPA listed on your transcript, but if you want your previous courses to be considered please submit your previous transcript



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US



QUESTIONS?

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