



HONOURS PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION

ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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University
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HOSTS

- Dr. April Nowell
 - Professor & Honours advisor
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 - Past honours students (2024)
- 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 an 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)



TIME COMMITMENT?



To graduate with an Honours degree, students must complete:

- BA or BSc major in Anthropology with extra coursework/credits
 - Extra coursework - 5 more courses (7.5 units) in-lieu of electives - the total number of courses for graduation does not change)
- ANTH 499 - Honours Seminar
 - 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)



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

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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

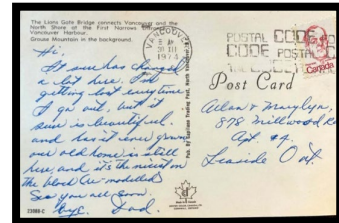
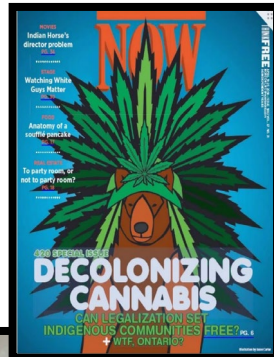
- Deadline - January 15
 - Start time – January of the next year
- Apply after you have:
 - Declared an anthropology major
 - Completed ANTH 100, 200, 240, 250 and 260 (minimum combined GPA of 6.5 in all the 200-level courses)
- Application form online:



www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/anthropology/programs/honours

LAST YEAR'S RESEARCH

- Is Cannabis Changing Our Relations? An Evaluation of British Columbia's Attempts at Economic Reconciliation: *Ghazarian, Michael*
- “I’m just asking questions.” An analysis of White supremacist pseudo-archaeology: *Vandersluis, Rylan*
- “Am I Japanese? Am I Nikkei?” An exploration of the identities of Yonsei and Gosei Japanese Canadians: *Nagasaki, Djuna*
- A Time for Recollection: Exploring the Temporality of Victoria’s Sea-To-Sea Green Blue Belt Campaign: *Lefort, Audrey*



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



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US



QUESTIONS?
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