



DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
Honours in Anthropology
Information Brochure (2019)

Dear Prospective Student

Thank you for your interest in the Honours degree in Anthropology at the University of Johannesburg. This brochure describes the admissions requirements, application process for the degree and what is expected during the course of the Honours degree.

Important Information:

- A 65% average for third year Anthropology courses is the minimum requirement for admission to the degree (In specific cases a 65% average in a cognate discipline can also be accepted, please contact the Honours coordinator if you have questions regarding this).
- Applications, with all required documentation, must be submitted online: <https://www.uj.ac.za/studyatUJ/sec>
- Closing date for applications: **31 October 2019**

Application Process:

Apply online at: <https://www.uj.ac.za/studyatUJ/sec>

Required application documents:

- Most recent academic record.
- Certified copy of your ID or passport.
- Motivation letter explaining why you wish to study anthropology at Honours level.
- Marked writing sample from an anthropology course (i.e. an essay or another piece of work that you submitted during a UJ class). If you are not a UJ student or do not have a writing sample, you will be requested to write an admissions essay on a day to be set by the department.

Please note that admission to the Honours programme is not automatic even if the applicant is in possession of an appropriate preceding qualification and meets the minimum requirements.

Course Information

The Honours degree is a fulltime one-year coursework and research degree, beginning with orientation in late January and ending with the submission of research reports and writing of final exams in November. Honours courses and fieldwork options are offered in both socio-cultural anthropology, archaeology and paleo-anthropology.

Students with a concentration in archaeology will take the first term general anthropology methods course with all the anthropology students, but enrol in a specialised archaeology methods and theory course in term two. During the June/July break those with an archaeology concentration undertake a field school at Drimolen, one of the sites where the Centre for Anthropological Research conducts excavations.

During the course of the year, in addition to their coursework, students must write a research report based on original fieldwork. Students must develop their own research proposal to be presented by the end of the first term, and an ethics application to be submitted at the beginning of the second term. Students undertake fieldwork over the June/July break and write their reports during the second half of the year. Students who wish to specialise in archaeology or palaeo-anthropology may opt to write an extensive research proposal for a higher degree should they not have an appropriate field or laboratory project to base their research report on.

The research report is developed and written under the supervision of one of the Anthropology or Centre for Anthropological Research staff, and should fall broadly within their fields of specialisation.

For social-cultural anthropology: medical anthropology, anthropology of the body, urbanism, landscape, materiality, memory, gender and sexuality, anthropology of childhoods and youth, and political anthropology.

For archaeology: Stone Age archaeology and paleo-anthropology.

Modules Offered

Five modules must be completed. Four of these must be taken within the Anthropology department, one may be taken outside of the department. Not all modules are offered every year.

Compulsory Modules:

- Methodology
- Anthropology Research Report

Other modules offered:

- Medical Anthropology
- Anthropology of the Body
- Political Anthropology
- Urban Anthropology
- Environmental Anthropology
- Anthropological Writing
- Anthropology of Childhoods and Youth
- Drimolen Palaeo-Anthropology and Stone Age Field School
- Methods and Theory in Palaeo-Research

Please note: Not all modules are offered every year. Enquire at the Anthropology department over the November period if you would like to have a better sense of what will be offered at an Honours level the following year

Funding

UJ Honours Bursary

The Faculty of Humanities offers a bursary for those enrolled for the first time in a full-time Honours degree. To qualify you must have achieved a minimum of 65% in Anthropology for your third year degree. Bursary amounts vary from year to year.

National Research Foundation (NRF)

Eligible students are encouraged to apply for the National Research Foundation bursary. Information about the application process, including deadlines, can be found at www.nrf.ac.za. The department will also share information on NRF deadlines with successful applicants once the information is made available.

In some instances bursaries might be available through a supervisor if the student's research is linked to supervisor-funded research projects.

For further queries, please contact the Honours Co-ordinator:

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