



Department of Anthropology and Development Studies Honours 2023

Dear Prospective Student,

A warm welcome and thank you for your enquiry about doing an honours degree in Anthropology and Development Studies at the University of Johannesburg. This brochure describes the procedures to follow in applying for a post graduate degree in either discipline. Please read it carefully and if you have any questions please contact the coordinators:

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- Or alternatively the Head of Department, Professor Jonathan Stadler (jstadler@uj.ac.za)

For more information about the department, our interests, and news updates please see our website: <https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/humanities/departments-2/anthropology-and-development-studies/>

Also be sure to follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063151515306>

And the Gauteng Anthropology Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063733465918>

Twitter: @GautengAnthro

Seminars: We run a very successful and vibrant weekly seminar series on Wednesdays (from noon onwards), so please make sure that you free up your Wednesday afternoons as participation is a requirement for your registration in the department, and for continued support.

Post graduate seminar: as a post-graduate student you are required to attend the department seminars. Attendance and participation is vital for you to meet and network with your fellow graduate students. A register is taken, and attendance is compulsory.

Sociology, Anthropology and Development Studies Seminar (SADS): This seminar invites local and international guest speakers creating networking opportunities for you. Our department will be hosting the seminar in term 2 and term 3, and your participation is strongly recommended.

Occasional Seminar: We often have interesting guests who are passing through Johannesburg, and invite them to present at our department. We will advertise these events as they happen.

Application Process

We offer participation on a full-time basis, in person only (no remote participation), over the course of one full year. Applicants must have completed a BA in anthropology or development studies, or a degree with a major in either. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of both disciplines, applicants from other social science degrees (i.e.: philosophy, human geography, history, sociology, politics) are also encouraged to apply. Applicants must have a final third year average of at least 65% in their third year modules. We can only consider complete applications. Applications sent by email or incomplete applications will not be considered.

A complete application for the abovementioned degrees includes:

For students with a UJ degree

- An application form (filled in online)
- Your complete, up-to date, UJ undergraduate transcript

For non-UJ South African students:

- An application form (filled in online)
- A National Senior Certificate
- A degree certificate
- A full transcript of your academic record
- A copy of your ID

For international (anywhere outside of South Africa) students:

- An application form (filled in online)
- A school leavers certificate
- A degree certificate
- A full transcript of your undergraduate academic record
- A SAQA certificate
- A copy of your ID/passport

If your degree was obtained at an institution outside of South Africa we will require that you apply for a South African Qualifications Accreditation (SAQA) certificate. This is completed online by the applicant, at: www.saga.org.za

Please consult with our International Office if you experience difficulties with your application and study permits. www.uj.ac.za/internationalstudents

Please do not attempt to upload any additional documents apart from the requested documents. Once you have the required documents, you should apply online at: <https://www.uj.ac.za/studyatUJ/sec>

The closing date for Honours applications is October 31st at 12:00 noon. Applications submitted after that time will not be considered. Applicants who meet the minimum requirements are not automatically accepted. They will subject to a selection process, meaning they will be contacted by email, and invited to submit 1) a letter of motivation, and 2) a sample of assessed written work (a scan of a marked 3rd year essay). Please do not submit these documents before being invited to do so.

Final decisions will only be made after letters of motivation along with assessed work have been reviewed, and final grades for the year have been received in December (non - UJ students must upload these via the online application system). Successful applicants will be notified in January of the following calendar year.

Programme Information

The Honours degree is a full-time one-year coursework and research degree, beginning with orientation in February and ending with the submission of dissertations and writing of final exams in November. Research, based on original fieldwork takes place over the June/July break and a final research dissertation is submitted at the end of October.

For dissertations, students are required to develop a research proposal by the end of the first term, and to gain ethical clearance by submitting their proposal to programme coordinators. Ethical clearance is required before students conduct fieldwork.

Dissertations are developed and written under the supervision of a member of Anthropology, Development Studies, or the Paleo Research Institute.

Module Information

Students must complete five modules. Three modules are compulsory: methodology (first term), writing (third term), and the research dissertation (last term). Outside of these three compulsory modules, two electives remain. Students can select both from their own discipline (Anthropology or Development Studies), or from Anthropology or Development Studies, or one from their own discipline and another from outside the department.

Compulsory Modules

- Semester 1 Term 1 (1 Compulsory Module): Methodology of the Human Sciences (ATL8X02 & DEV8X11)
- Semester 2 Term 3 (1 Compulsory Module) Writing Research (DEV8X17 & ATL8X15)
- Independent fieldwork/dissertation (ATL8X13 / DEV8X01). All students must complete a dissertation, writing 8000-10000 words on a topic agreed upon with their supervisors. Due for submission Oct 31st of the programme year.

Elective Modules

- Semester 1 Term 2 (Choose 1 of 2 Electives) Development and Global Relations (DEV8X06) OR Medical Anthropology (ATL8X11)
- Semester 2 Term 4 (Choose 1 of 2 Electives) Critical Development Practice (DEV8X14) OR Land Migration & Politics of Belonging (ATL8X16)

**Note that the availability of elective modules may be subject to change*

Bursaries

Students should apply for bursaries upon being offered a provisional place, the year before the programme begins.

The Faculty of Humanities offers a bursary for those enrolled for the first time in a full-time Honours degree. To qualify for the Faculty bursary, students must have achieved a minimum of 65% for their third year degree. Bursary amounts vary from year to year and are immediately put toward registration fees.

For more information contact: Sune Theunissen on 011 559 7331 / stheunissen@uj.ac.za

Students are also encouraged to apply for the National Research Foundation bursary. To be eligible, students must have a 65% average from their previous degree, be 28 years of age or younger. The NRF may award either a full or partial cost study (FCS). Further information about the application process can be found at www.nrf.ac.za.

Information on all bursaries is also available here: <https://www.uj.ac.za/admission-aid/student-finance/bursaries/>

Please be aware that you will need funds to cover your research projects, in addition to tuition and residency. Make sure that you start seeking funding opportunities in the year before you start your degree.