Overview

The Honours stream in Music Studies requires the completion of 48 UOC (the equivalent of one year full-time study or two years part-time study).

The Honours stream involves seminars and the completion of a research project or thesis. It consists of 18 UOC of coursework and 30 UOC of thesis/practical project. The thesis/practical project is an undertaking of either an original piece of research extending throughout the year and the submission of a 15,000-word thesis based upon it or a research project, also year-long, involving a practical project and the submission of a written thesis of 7,000 - 10,000 words.
Faculty
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

School
School of Arts and Media

Study Level
Undergraduate

Minimum Units of Credit
48

Specialisation Type
Honours
Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate an ability to adapt knowledge and skills in diverse musical contexts
2. Demonstrate coherent and advanced knowledge of the underlying principles and concepts in musicology or composition, and/or demonstrate the skills required for advanced musical performance
3. Demonstrate a broad and detailed understanding of Western music literature and the musical-theoretical concepts that underpin it
4. Demonstrate initiative and judgement in scholarship and creative music making
5. Demonstrate knowledge of research principles and methods in musicology, composition, and/or performance practice
6. Demonstrate responsibility and accountability for own learning and practice and musical leadership in collaborative situations
7. Demonstrate cognitive skills that review, analyse, consolidate and synthesize musical knowledge
8. Demonstrate communication skills to present a coherent exposition of knowledge and ideas to a variety of audiences
9. Identify and formulate solutions to complex musicological and aesthetic problems with intellectual and creative independence
10. Construct a research and/or creative project that demonstrates technical skills in research and design, or skill in creative problem-solving
11. Construct a research and/or creative project that demonstrates critical thinking and/or aesthetic judgement in developing new understanding, or in producing professional musical performance or composition

Graduate Capabilities:

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
Available in Program(s)

Program(s) in which this honours is available

Bachelor of Arts and Social Sciences (Honours) - BASS (Hons)

4504 Arts & Social Sciences (Hons)
Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 48
Typical Duration: 1 Years
Specialisation Structure

Students must complete 48 UOC.

Core Courses

You must take 18 UOC of the following courses.
Note: ARTS4202 (12 UOC) is taught as a multi-term course at 6 UOC each term.

ARTS4100 6 UOC
Research Methods and Thesis Writing

ARTS4202 6 UOC
Uses of Theory: Honours (Research)

Thesis or Project

You must take 30 UOC of the following courses.

MUSC4009 6 UOC
Music Honours

MUSC4010 12 UOC
Music Honours

MUSC4011 18 UOC
Music Honours

Enrolment Disclaimer

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
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