



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

There are two ways for **current students** to undertake Honours at the University of Sydney

- [Bachelor of Advanced Studies \(Honours\) - The University of Sydney](#)
- [Bachelor of Arts \(Honours\) - The University of Sydney](#)

What are the entry requirements?

You need a 70+ average in your philosophy major, plus the approval of a supervisor, to apply for honours in philosophy.

Do I need to find a supervisor before applying in Sydney Student?

Yes!

How do I find a supervisor?

The Philosophy webpage lists all members of our permanent staff. Once you've decided on a general topic area for your thesis, send a brief email to the member(s) of staff who seems most well suited to supervise a thesis in this area. Explain in one paragraph what you are hoping to work on and when you hope to begin your honours year. The staff member will give you advice, whether or not they agree to supervise. If you are confused about who would be a good supervisor for your proposed topic, you can contact the honours coordinator.

When should I start looking for a supervisor?

We recommend starting this process at least two months before the application due date. If you intend to begin in semester 1, it is best to start looking for a supervisor in the middle of semester 2 of the previous year.

I did a degree elsewhere. Can I apply to Honours at Sydney?

Yes. If you did two majors at a comparable institution, you may apply for the BAS Honours. If you did one major, you should apply for the BA Hons.

What's the difference between BA and BAS Honours?

Requirements for all Honours students in Philosophy are the same. Students enter through different pathways depending on the structure of their undergraduate degree.

I'm worried I won't finish two majors by the end of the year. Can I still apply?

Yes! You can apply to do the BA Honours. You need a 70+ average in your philosophy major, plus the approval of a supervisor. See above for a link to info about the BA Honours.

However, you should check your enrolment status. If you're in the BAS and you are not on track for two majors, you must apply to early exit after results release (in 2022, that means post 14th December). You would graduate with a BA (not a BAS). You can then apply for BA Hons for 2023. See this link {...} on how to apply for early exit.

Can I complete an OLE in Intensive Jan or Feb?

We strongly discourage this if you intend to begin honours in semester 1. You should complete all course requirements before the end of the preceding year.

How can I check my degree progression?

Submit a request: [Service Catalog - University of Sydney Services Portal \(service-now.com\)](#)



Can I do Honours part time?

Yes, but you must advise the coordinator ASAP (after admission into the program) so that your part-time enrolment can be approved and processed.

Can I do joint Honours?

Philosophy does not generally offer joint Honours degrees.

I completed my undergrad degree several years ago. Can I do Honours?

Yes. Discuss this directly with the honours coordinator to find out whether you are eligible.

I completed a bachelor's degree in another discipline. Can I do Philosophy Honours?

Not immediately. A prerequisite for our program is a major in Philosophy. In some cases, students complete a diploma and then go on to Honours.