



# **Department of History Honours Handbook**

## The Honours Program

Students interested in completing an advanced undergraduate degree should consider applying to our Honours program. Honours students work closely with professors in small 4000-level seminars on a variety of themes. They benefit from individual attention and have the opportunity to pursue research interests under the guidance of a member of the History Department to produce the Honours thesis. Students will be required to consult primary sources allowing them to hone their research skills. For self-motivated students, the Honours thesis presents an opportunity to follow a particular passion from the research stage through to the satisfaction of a well written thesis. ☐ rtw ☐ ☐ ☐

Those students considering pursuing their studies at the graduate level should also consider enrolling in the Honours program. It offers an ideal pre-graduate



- In mid-November - present the revised thesis proposal to the Honours Seminar for discussion.
- By last day of classes in Winter Term - submit thesis to Supervisor. They will provide comments and suggestions. Following that provide a copy to the Honours Coordinator.

The Honours Thesis should be approximately 50 pages long excluding bibliography, up to a maximum of 60 pages.

<http://www.smu.ca/academics/archives/honours-thesis.html>.

[http://www.smu.ca/academics/departments/history\\_programs-current-courses.html#4000](http://www.smu.ca/academics/departments/history_programs-current-courses.html#4000)

The student is responsible for selecting the thesis topic and approaching a professor to obtain their consent to act as a supervisor for the Honours Thesis. The student must attend the Honours Seminar, keep up with any assigned readings, contribute regularly to discussion, as well as present their research to the seminar. The student is also responsible for providing the supervisor with regular drafts of their thesis well in advance of the final deadline.

## **Thinkin about Graduate Studies?**

For students thinking abo .

- The SMU History Department's Graduate Handbook for information about the SMU Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research funding opportunities, prerequisites for the MA program, and course selection.
- Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship Program located at [https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM\\_eng.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM_eng.asp)  
Contact the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research for the current deadlines.

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