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Welcome!

Congratulations. If you are reading this then you have been admitted to the Honours degree of the Bachelor of Economics, or you are interested in applying for admission.

An Honours degree will set you apart from your undergraduate classmates, and you are in the right place to undertake it. An Honours degree in Economics is comparatively rare, and at the University of Adelaide you have the prestige of one Australia's Group of Eight universities behind you.

This handbook aims to provide you with information about the Honours year and what you can expect as an Honours student, and what will be expected of you.

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The basics

The **Honours Degree in Economics** is a one-year program of full time study designed to provide thorough research training. The program is targeted at students who wish to undertake further education at the Master and Doctorate levels or wish to pursue research-intensive careers in the departments and agencies of federal and state governments, (the Treasury, the Reserve Bank, Productivity Commission), and in the private sector (finance, consulting).

The program comprises coursework worth 15 units and a thesis equivalent to 9 units. It also incorporates maths revision and a library workshop in preparation for the year's work. Through most of the year, you will also be required to attend a thesis workshop (schedule to be announced).

What's so special about Honours?

Admission into Honours is a selective and competitive process. (See the section on Eligibility for further information.) If you are admitted to the Honours year, we already think you are special:

- you have excelled in your undergraduate studies
- you have enjoyed Economics enough to want to take it to the next level
- you are serious about a commitment to a rigorous and challenging year of study.

Employers also know that completion of an Honours year is special. It demonstrates that you:

- have the perseverance and self-discipline to succeed in a year of major challenges
- have the ability to complete advanced coursework
- have the skills to independently formulate and research a problem
- have the ability to bring together the concepts and knowledge you have acquired in your undergraduate degree to apply them in a substantial piece of work – your thesis.

The thesis is more than just a very long essay. While working on your thesis you'll find a whole new world of thinking where finding the right questions is almost as important as finding the answers to them; where logic, systematic development of argument and attention to detail are more important than ever before; and where independent and creative approaches to ideas are highly valued. If you enjoy your thesis work, and want to go on to further research, then a good Honours result provides a pathway to PhD study.

Lastly, it is a year in which you will develop new kinds of relationships with others. Honours cohorts are relatively small and you will likely find yourself giving and receiving support and friendship from your Honours colleagues. You'll also develop a special relationship with your thesis supervisor. Sometimes, professional connections are

formed that last a lifetime. We hope that at least one of those connections will be with the School of Economics at the University of Adelaide.

What you can expect from the Honours year

Any Honours graduate will tell you about the long hours, the high demands of advanced level coursework, the pressure of the final weeks of thesis writing and quite probably the nervousness preceding the oral defence. The Honours year is an extremely challenging one. However, where challenges lurk so do rewards. The expected returns to an appropriate allocation of effort during the honours year include the following:

- you should have increased confidence in your subject material and presenting it and the satisfaction of mastering it
- you will have an opportunity to work with and learn from an experienced researcher - most of our academics have published in world ranking journals
- you should lift your understanding of economics to a higher level – Honours is much more than the facts and ideas of undergraduate level
- you will be exposed to a wider, more sophisticated set of economic ‘tools’
- you will have a chance to win one of our Honours prizes – a financial reward as well as a personal one!

About us

The School of Economics

The School of Economics at The University of Adelaide currently employs a vibrant group of 21 academics drawn from across the world. The School offers Bachelor, Honours, Masters and PhD programs. Our academics' research interests range across a broad spectrum including applied and theoretical microeconomics, macroeconomics, political economy, economic history, health, trade and econometrics.

When you graduate with an Honours degree in the field of Economics you will become part of a long and proud tradition. It was in 1901 that an Honours year in the field of 'History and Economics' was first offered at the University of Adelaide. But in 1901, the course fees for £10/10/-, plus £3/3/- for the examination!

Our distinguished Honours alumni include the current Assistant Governor (Financial Markets) at the Reserve Bank of Australia, Guy Debelle (1988), and the Economics commentator/writer for the Australian Financial Review, David Bassanese (1987).

Key contacts

Honours Coordinator	Dr Firmin Doko Tchatoka Room 4.47 firmin.dokotchatoka@adelaide.edu.au Extension 31174	Firmin's role is to co-ordinate the overall program direction and keeps an eye on the progress of each student. He will help with academic issues, offering advice and support where needed.
Honours Administrator	Justine Dzonsons Room 3.43 justine.dzonsons@adelaide.edu.au Extension 31171	The Honours Administrator will help you with administrative issues such as enrolling and routine procedural advice and support.

Academic Staff

Name	Alma mater	Field(s) of research interest
Kym Anderson	PhD (Stanford University)	International Trade & Development, Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics
Raul Barreto	PhD (University of Colorado)	Macroeconomic Growth Theory; Resources, Real Exchange Rates & Corruption
Nadya Baryshnikova	PhD (Brown University)	Theoretical & Applied Econometrics, Microeconomic Applications
Ralph Bayer	PhD (London School of Economics)	Behavioural Economics, Experimental Economics & Game Theory
Eran Binenbaum	PhD (University of California at Berkeley)	Economics of Innovation, Collective Action, Industrial Organisation, Welfare Economics, Economic Methodology
Terence Cheng	PhD (Australian National University)	Health Economics, Applied Econometrics and Labour Economics
Mark Dodd	PhD (Adelaide)	Health Economics & Applied Microeconomics
Firmin Doko Tchato	PhD (Montreal UdeM)	Econometric Theory, Applied Econometrics & Statistics
Nicolas Groshenny	PhD (Bocconi University)	Monetary Economics, Macroeconomics
Dmitriy Kvasov	PhD (Pennsylvania State University)	Game theory
Virginie Masson	PhD (University of Pittsburgh)	Evolutionary Game Theory, Game Theory, Networks
Stephanie McWhinnie	PhD (University of British Columbia)	Natural Resource & Environmental Economics
Mandar Oak	PhD (Cornell University)	Public Economics, Political Economy, Applied Microeconomics
Paul Pezanis-Christou	PhD (EUI)	Experimental & Behavioural Economics, Applied Game Theory
Florian Ploeckl	PhD (Yale)	Economic History
Richard Pomfret	PhD (Simon Fraser University)	Economic Development, International Economics
Yaping Shan	PhD (University of Iowa)	Industrial Organization, Microeconomics,
Nicholas Sim	PhD (Boston College)	Applied Econometrics, Macroeconomics
Mark Weder	PhD (Humboldt University)	Macroeconomic Theory: Business Cycles, Monetary Policy, 20 th Century Economic History

Jacob Wong	PhD (University of British Columbia)	Macroeconomics
Duygu Yengin	PhD (University of Rochester)	Fair Allocation, Matching, Coalitional Game Theory, & Political Philosophy

* Not all academic staff are available every year to supervise Honours students.

Eligibility

Candidates must complete the requirements for the Bachelor of Economics or Bachelor of Finance (or its equivalent) at a high overall standard of performance. The courses taken for the degree SHOULD include:

- ECON 1010 Introduction to Mathematical Economics (Advanced) I
- ECON 2503 Intermediate Mathematical Economics II
- ECON 2504 Intermediate Econometrics II
- ECON 2506 Intermediate Microeconomics A II
- ECON 2507 Intermediate Macroeconomics II
- ECON 3502 Econometrics III
- ECON 3514 Macroeconomics III or ECON 3511 Money, Banking & Financial Markets III
- ECON 3519 Advanced Mathematical Economics.

(NB: most of these courses had a minor change in their title (but not their code) in 2012.)

The typical profile of a successful honours program applicant consists of high credit grades in the courses listed above.

Applicants from other institutions will be admitted subject to their preparation being judged equivalent to that applying to University of Adelaide students.

The honours program is designed for 'total immersion' in economics for the year. Part-time enrolment is possible, but not normally permitted unless the student is in full-time employment.

Structure of the program

An overview

Semester 1	ECON 4011 Microeconomic Theory IV(H)	3 units	Dissertation
	ECON 4012 Macroeconomics IV(H)	3	
	ECON 4014 Econometrics IV(H)	3	
	Field course (see list below)	3	
Semester 2	ECON 4010 Honours Economics Thesis	9	
	Field course (see list below)	3	
		Total 24 Units	

For Semester 1 2016 select one field course from the following list:

- ECON 4016 International Finance IV (H)
- ECON 4015 Public Economics IV (H)

For Semester 2 2016 select one field course from the following list:

- ECON 4013 Adv. Time Series Econometrics IV (H)
- ECON 4007 Economic Development IV (H)
- ECON 4008 International Trade IV (H)

A little more detail...

ENROLMENT	<p>No more than four courses may be taken in one semester.</p> <p>Students must familiarise themselves with the requirements of each coursework course, as per the relevant Course Outline and Course Planner.</p> <p>Students will enrol in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 core courses <p>Semester 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECON 4011 Microeconomic Theory IV(H) ECON 4012 Macroeconomics IV(H) ECON 4014 Econometrics IV(H) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plus 2 field courses, one for each semester:
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	<p>Semester 1 - 2016</p> <p>ECON 4015 Public Economics IV(H) ECON 4016 International Finance IV (H)</p>
	<p>Semester 2- 2016</p> <p>Select from the following courses</p> <p>ECON 4013 Adv. Time Series Econometrics IV (H) ECON 4007 Economic Development IV (H) ECON 4008 International Trade IV (H)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plus the thesis component ECON 4010 Honours Economics Thesis
MATHS REVISION (compulsory)	<p>These lectures will run 22 - 25 February and are designed to strengthen and sharpen your analytical skills. Lectures will be in the School Boardroom, Level 3, 10 Pulteney St, from 9am – 12pm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon 22nd Feb • Tues 23rd Feb • Wed 24th Feb • Thurs 25th Feb <p>Useful references include: 1) Carl P. Simon and Lawrence E. Blume, Mathematics for Economists, 1994; and 2) Chiang, A.C Fundamental Methods of Mathematical Economics, Fourth Edition, McGraw Hill. Both available at the Barr Smith Library, Main Collection Reserve.</p>
LIBRARY RESEARCH WORKSHOP	<p>The Economics Research Librarian, Ainsley Painter, will run a library research session on Friday 26th February, 11:00am – 12:00 noon in the Economics Boardroom, Room 3.0, Level 3 Nexus 10 Building. This will be a brief overview on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endnote bibliographic software – why, access and training • searching techniques • choice of databases / search engines • locating full text - or - use the Document Delivery Service • alerting services – to stay up to date • locating highly cited articles for your literature review • help information on referencing and finding, and writing, theses • help information on research methodologies etc.
THESIS WORKSHOPS	<p>Students must also attend a thesis workshop.</p>

	<p>This is organised to assist with the selection of a topic and thesis design, and to provide information and assistance on sources of economic data, statistical packages, contacts, etc.</p>
<p>THESIS</p>	<p>You may hear people refer to the ‘thesis’ and the ‘dissertation’. In this School these terms are used interchangeably.</p> <p>You will be working on your thesis throughout the year, with increasing intensity, peaking in Semester 2.</p> <p>There are interim milestones, all of which SHOULD be met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tuesday 26th April: Thesis topic submission to principal supervisor nominated 2. Monday 25th July–Friday 29th July: Mid-year thesis presentations held during this week 3. Friday 5th August: Last day for submitting thesis proposal to supervisor 4. Friday, 14th October: Draft of thesis submitted to supervisor 5. Friday 4th November, 12 noon: Final version of the thesis must be submitted (emailed as a pdf) to the Honours Administrator 6. Monday 21st – Friday 25th November: Final Presentation of Honours Thesis - Oral Defence (Dates to be confirmed)

The thesis

Thesis Topic and Supervision

In choosing a topic you should consult with the members of the academic staff whom you consider the most appropriate for supervision of your thesis, and with the Honours Coordinator. Topics that would require significant School research fund expenditure may not be approved. As soon as possible, you should have a firm thesis title, an outline of the thesis structure, a good notion of the relevant literature and the essential data and its availability.

A one-page statement of a thesis topic and the nomination of a supervisor (with approval from the supervisor) should be submitted to the Honours Coordinator and the supervisor no later than **26th April, 2016**.

Each student is responsible for finding a supervisor. The Honours Coordinator can assist in this process. While many students may not be familiar with certain academic staff members students are encouraged to contact potential supervisors in order to determine whether a potential match is feasible. Once you have a supervisor, you should establish supervising arrangements: how often to meet; what to bring to meetings; student's initiative to set up meetings and to keep them; what your supervisor expects of you.

Mid-year thesis presentation

The mid-year thesis presentation will be held in the week beginning **25th July, 2016**. Each student is expected to give a 30 minute presentation outlining his or her thesis proposal to the class and academic staff. The presentation is followed by a 10 minute discussion during which academic staff attending the presentation will provide feedback to the principal supervisor and student.

Thesis Proposal

A detailed research proposal should be submitted to the supervisor for a review no later than **5th August, 2016**. The principal supervisor will then meet with the student to discuss.

The proposal must not exceed 5 pages. It should be clear and concise and contain the following parts.

1. **Background:** A brief description of the general area of research that you intend to concentrate on. The description should lead to a concise statement of the specific research question that you are interested in.
2. **Research Question:** A concise statement of your research question and discussion of why it is of interest to other economists.

3. **Proposed Methodology:** The methodology that you will adopt to develop your results.
4. **Expected Results:** In this section you should tie your results in with the first section. You should indicate what it is that you expect to find.

Final Thesis Draft

A draft of the thesis should be submitted to the principal supervisor no later than **14th October, 2016**. While it is understood that progress on the thesis will continue until the submission date, it is recommended that a working draft be submitted to the supervisor so that the supervisor can form an estimate of the work that still needs to be completed for the thesis to be acceptable for submission.

It is important to submit sections of your draft progressively to your supervisor throughout the final semester so that he or she has time to offer comments and advice and you have time to amend your work.

Thesis Submission

An electronic version of the thesis (preferably in PDF) must be submitted to the Honours Administrator by **4th November, 2016, at 12 noon**. A hard copy must be submitted after examination – this will be retained by the School.

Any thesis submitted after the deadline will be considered late. The penalty will be 10 marks out of 100 for every working day which elapses after the submission date. In addition, a student who submits a thesis late may not receive an oral examination.

Final Thesis Presentation (Oral Defence)

Final thesis presentations are expected to be held after the Semester 2 examination period, **21st - 25th November, 2016** dates to be announced. Each student is expected to give a 30 minute seminar presentation on his or her thesis to the academic staff of the School. The student will then be asked to respond to questions put forward by the academic staff attending the presentation. The committee will then grade the presentation. This presentation grade will form part of the overall thesis grade.

Thesis Format

The suggested word count of the text of the thesis (including footnotes but not including references) is between 8000 and 12000 words. Marks may be deducted for excessive length. A statement of the word count must be shown at the start of the thesis e.g. on the title page, or in the abstract.

The title page should show: the title in full; the full name and degrees of the candidate; the School in which the candidate submitted the work; the degree for which the thesis is submitted; and the date of submission of the thesis. For example: 'Submitted to the University of Adelaide, School of Economics as partial fulfilment for admission to the Honours degree of Bachelor of Economics.'

The text of the thesis should be preceded by a brief abstract indicating the aims, scope and conclusions of the thesis. The abstract should not exceed one page.

The thesis should have a Declaration page (signed and dated) with the following paragraph:

"Except where appropriately acknowledged this thesis is my own work, has been expressed in my own words and has not previously been submitted for assessment."

The thesis should contain a bibliography. The bibliography should include only those works which you have actually consulted yourself; it is not to be simply a list of books or journal articles well known in the field. The recommended system of referencing is the author-date (or Harvard) system.

A hard copy of the thesis must be typed double (or one and a half) spaced on A4 paper, single sided with a good margin. It must be bound in some form. The School of Economics staff is not able to bind theses, but can provide advice on where this may be done.

It is mandatory to acknowledge the source of particular facts, arguments, and quotations by careful footnoting. Failure to acknowledge the sources will be penalised.

The standard of English expression is expected to be high. While supervisors will offer reasonable assistance, the writing and proofreading of a thesis is your own task.

You should strive for a thematic development in the thesis. It should always be apparent to the reader that the thesis is progressing as directly as possible to its logical conclusion. While each thesis topic will require treatment constrained by that topic, there are nevertheless minimum standards which must be met in thesis construction. A thesis would nearly always include, in addition to the exposition of the central issue examined in it:

1. An introduction that includes a statement of the objectives of the work and techniques to be employed, and a short summary of the conclusions reached.
2. A concise discussion of those aspects of the literature that are directly relevant to the thesis. In the unlikely event that there is no relevant literature, this chapter should explain why this is the case. This chapter should explain your methodology and research initiative, and contain some original thought.

3. Where data manipulation is an important part of the work, an assessment of the data sources and any deficiencies.
4. A brief summary and conclusion.

Honours Thesis Assessment

The Honours Thesis course is graded in two parts:

- The written component comprises 80% of the final grade.
- Oral presentation comprises 20% of the final grade.

Supervisors will not grade the written or oral thesis components of their own students. A panel of two examiners will be allocated per student to assess the thesis. After discussing the selection of potential examiners with supervisors, the Honours Coordinator will nominate two examiners.

The Honours Coordinator will contact potential *internal* examiners who will generally be members of the School of Economics.

The two examiners will return a grade out of 80 for the written component (a **Grading guideline** sheet will be provided)

- Final grade out of 80 derived from the average of the two grades.

The examiners will have 10 days to return their grade to the School of Economics Honours Administrator.

The same two examiners will attend the oral presentation and grade the oral defence presentation. The oral presentation will be open to all academic staff and they are welcome to ask questions about the research topic.

- Final grade out of 20 derived from the average of the two grades.

Milestones

- a. Honours Coordinator to outline the thesis assessment process at the Honours Workshop. Students begin to plan their research topics.
- b. **March 15-18** Student presentation to Academic staff -date to be announced – conducted over 2 days – specialist areas to be grouped and opened for others to attend.

- c. Students to contact potential supervisors and/or staff to contact students to match supervisors.
- d. **April 26** students submit thesis topic to nominated supervisors.
- e. Mid-year thesis presentation- **Week 1 Semester 2 July 25-29**. Supervisors to recommend at least three examiners per thesis to the Honours Coordinator.
- f. **Semester 2 August 22-26**- Supervisors to re-confirm examiners in e) to Honours Coordinator.
- g. **September** Honours Coordinator to contact and finalise the list of nominated examiners.
- h. **October 14** students submit draft thesis to supervisor. Supervisor provides feedback to the student.
- i. **November 4** Thesis submission date. Honours Administrator to forward thesis documents to examiners. A period of 10 days allocated to marking – final results for the written component of thesis grade (80%) submitted to the Honours Administrator by close of business **November 18**.
- j. Honours thesis final oral defence presentations **November 21-25** (dates to be announced) – conducted over 2 days. Presentations assessed by the two examiners.

The examiners must return their grade for the oral defence presentation to the School of Economics Honours Administrator no later than 12:00 noon on **November 25**.
- k. **November 28** deadline for all components of the thesis grade to be compiled and finalised no later than 12:00 noon.
- l. **November 30** Honours results posted by close of business.
- m. **December 2** Honours results released.

Assessment

An overview

1. In order to obtain an Honours degree, a student must obtain at least a pass result in each of the core courses and the thesis.
2. A student who fails to pass the Level IV macroeconomics, microeconomics or econometrics on their first attempt may, on academic grounds, be offered Additional Assessment. This will most likely be in the form of a new exam (Additional Assessment) and will have the same weight as the original exam. If, after replacing the original exam mark with the new exam mark, it is calculated that the student has passed the course, they will receive 50 Pass as their final result for the course (no higher) but if the calculation totals less than 50, their grade will be Fail and the higher of the original mark or the mark following the Additional Assessment will be recorded as the final result. If a student fails to achieve a final grade of 50% the student is automatically prevented from completing the Honours program.

NB: Medical Certificates: The above comments notwithstanding, students are reminded that in the event of major illness the University requires them to present the necessary medical certificates to the Honours Coordinator as soon as possible after the examination or test. Retrospective certificates are not accepted. In relation to examination, students must comply with the 'Modified Arrangements for Coursework Assessment Policy' requirements. Please

see <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/exams/supps.html> for further details.

Students who are registered with the Disability Office need to ensure that they inform the Honours Coordinator and the Honours Administrator upon acceptance of their offer so that all teaching staff can be notified of special arrangements etc. in advance.

3. Double-Counting. Students are reminded that substantially similar material cannot be submitted for assessment more than once in the program (ie, in courses and/or in the thesis).
4. Results for individual courses will be awarded using M11-Honours Mark Scheme and these marks will be reflected on the academic transcript. The marks will also be visible on Access Adelaide.
5. The final result in the Honour's year will be determined following the University's GS5 -Grade Scheme 5 - Honours. This result will also be reflected on academic transcripts.

Course work assessment

Please refer to the Course Outlines <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/course-outlines/> for further information on the structure and content of courses.

Students and supervisors – a brief guide

The thesis is a significant part of the Honours program. It is highly valued by students but at the same time can be very stressful for them. To make this apprenticeship in research more valuable and less stressful, the following guidelines have been developed to assist you to obtain appropriate and consistent levels of supervision.

For students

1. Please read the advice for supervisors, below.
2. The Coordinator of the Honours program will guide you through the matching process to locate a supervisor. In making this decision, the Coordinator will take account of preferences expressed by both students and staff. However, he/she is not able to guarantee that preferences will always be met.
3. You are ultimately responsible for proposing the area and general idea behind the thesis. Your supervisor should assist you to define a topic and can provide particular help in advising when a topic is of a manageable size and generally in refining a broad idea into a precise question.
4. You would be expected to see your supervisor at least 2-4 times during Semester 1 and every other week after first semester exams (when you commence intensive work on your thesis), although more frequent meetings may be arranged if desired.
5. It is strongly recommended you and your supervisor agree to the regularity of meetings and timelines and expectations regarding feedback and communication as soon as possible once topics and supervision has been confirmed. It is your responsibility to arrange (and keep) these meetings.
6. Supervisors are requested to read the material handed to them. It is very helpful if you start to put ideas in writing as soon as possible - initially in point form.

For supervisors

1. Please read the advice for students, above.
2. During meetings with your student you should:
 - a. suggest ways to make effective use of research time
 - b. discuss the standard required of an Honours thesis
 - c. be available for regular contact as reasonably and mutually agreed with you
 - d. provide a constructive and critical assessment of any work submitted
 - e. indicate areas of the literature which are relevant to your student; potentially useful techniques; and specific references to items of economic knowledge which have escaped his/her attention.
3. When a student fails to meet with you over an extended period of time, please do one of the following:

- a. Preferably contact the student and ask why (contact details may be obtained from the Honours Administrator). If they do not respond to this initiative, inform the Honours Coordinator.
 - b. If you are unwilling to contact the student, then ask the Honours Administrator to do this for you, sending a copy of the email to the Honours Coordinator.
4. Supervisors are not obliged to persistently chase up a student who fails to keep (or make) appointments.
5. You may point out sloppy or incorrect grammar or expression. However, it is not your responsibility to rewrite material for your student or put in large amounts of time to bring the work of a weak student up to scratch.

Life in the Honours year

Life beyond study

Before starting your Honours year, it's wise to have a refreshing holiday so that you commence in top form. Once you've started, try to achieve a balance between study and life beyond study, so if you can, keep up with any sporting activities etc. However, do not plan any other significant activities for the year.

Outside Work Commitments

Some Honours students seriously underestimate the workload of the Honours courses and thesis and find themselves over-committed to paid work - whether tutoring for the School, other work for members of the School or affiliated centres, or non-university employment. It is your responsibility to monitor your capacity to do Honours together with other work. Most full-time students find they cannot cope with more than a few hours outside work per week, such as 2 tutorial classes (5 hours work).

Outside work commitments will not be accepted as grounds for deadline extensions or other special consideration.

What we expect of you

- Commitment to your studies
- Development and application of your own ideas
- Willingness to take a risk and push beyond your comfort zone
- To be completely self-monitored, self-driven, and self-disciplined – the responsibility lies with you
- To devote on average 50-60 hours per week throughout the year to your studies

What you can expect of us

- Guidance and encouragement
- Honesty and constructive criticism
- To be available for regular, agreed meetings

Financial matters

Apply to be a tutor in the School of Economics. If you would like the opportunity to work as a tutor during your Honours year, make sure you apply by the deadline as listed on the link below. We encourage applications from qualified and enthusiastic people with good teaching skills. Please note, the School strongly recommends that Honours students take more no more than 2 one hour tutorials per week during the semester. You don't need to restrict your preferences to Level I courses, especially if you have done really well in a particular Level II or III course. You can find the application form

at <http://economics.adelaide.edu.au/connect/jobs-with-the-school/> and the current pay rates at <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/hr/conditions/benefits/salary> ."

Keep an eye on the University's Honours Scholarships page for scholarships you might be eligible for: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/scholarships/honours/> - please note the AR Riddle Grant is for domestic students who are commencing the last semester of their Honours program. Normally the closing date occurs at the end of July each year, however, please check the link provided above for further details.

If you are a domestic student, you will have a **Commonwealth Supported Place** for your Honours year, and will have entitlements and pay contributions in the same way you did as an undergraduate. For more information see <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/finance/>

Some students may also be eligible for **Youth Allowance**. You are welcome to contact the Education and Welfare Officers at the Student Care Office on 8313 5430 to discuss your eligibility. See also <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/finance/> for more information.

Honours students are allowed a small sum to pay for photocopying and inter-library loans and similar expenses. The details of this arrangement will be finalised by the Honours Coordinator at the start of the academic year.

Win one of our Honours prizes. While it won't help you during your Honours year, the School does offer a prize for the best Honours thesis and the best overall Honours achievement.

Summary of key dates

Subject to confirmation at the beginning of each semester

February 22-26	Induction session/Maths revision/Library session
February 29	Semester 1 begins
March 15-18	Student presentations for academic staff
March 24	Final date for deferral of candidacy
April 26	Thesis topic submission to supervisor
June 3	Semester 1 classes end
June 18	Examinations commence
July 25	Semester 2 begins
July 25 – 29	Mid-year Thesis Presentations (Week 1 of Semester 2)
August 5	Last day for submitting thesis proposal to principal supervisor
October 14	Draft of thesis submitted to supervisor
October 28	Semester 2 classes end
November 4	ELECTRONIC VERSION of the thesis MUST be emailed in PDF format to the Honours Administrator by 12 NOON on this date
November 5 - 19	Examinations for Honours courses
Nov 21 - 25	Honours Thesis Final Presentations (Oral Defence) (dates to be confirmed)
December 2	Honours results released

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