What is Honours?
Honours is a prestigious undergraduate qualification which is recognised worldwide. Students complete a major research project of their choice, under the supervision of an academic staff member. The sustained research project examines a specific research question which makes an original or innovative contribution to the existing literature. Honours students will gain advanced research and writing skills, and specialist knowledge in their chosen topic. Students will also gain the opportunity to work in small groups with an academic mentor.

Why do Honours?
Honours graduates have a real point of distinction from other graduates. Successfully completing a thesis provides you with advanced research and writing skills, which are vital in many job roles, especially in legal fields. Having an Honours degree gives you a competitive advantage when gaining employment as prestigious employers prefer Honours graduates.

Honours is the best pathway into further research. Successful completion of Honours provides a direct pathway into a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). It is also the standard pathway for anyone who aspires to become an academic or to gain employment in research positions.

Many prestigious overseas scholarships include Honours as one of their entry criteria. Students contemplating overseas study should consider completing Honours to strengthen their scholarship applications. No matter where you plan on living, working, studying, and travelling, your Honours degree will be an advantage to you.

Honours Structure
Accepted students should enrol in the two Law Honours courses. Students must complete Honours on a full-time basis, start with Law Honours Thesis 1 in study period 4 and progress to Law Honours Thesis 2 in study period 6. Honours is offered internally only.

At UniSA, Law students may complete the Honours courses during their final year of study. Therefore students are able to complete the Bachelor of Laws with Honours in 3 years (if studied in 3 trimesters per year).

Law Honours Thesis 1
Course code: LAWS 4004
This course aims to equip students with skills in advanced legal research, in preparation for completion of the Honours thesis in Law Honours Thesis 2. Students are assisted in evaluating, developing and refining their research topics. They are also required to present their research strategies in writing and orally to a small group of peers and research mentors.

Law Honours Thesis 2
Course code: LAWS 4005
This course provides students with an opportunity to complete a 9,000 word Honours Thesis in their chosen area of Law.
Eligibility

To be eligible for Honours, students must:

- Be currently enrolled in a UniSA Bachelor of Laws or Laws Double Degree; and
- Have completed 72 units of their Bachelors degree; and
- Have a GPA of not less than 5.

Fees

Fees for the Honours courses are Commonwealth supported under the HECS-HELP program.

How to apply

Applications should be made prior to the study period in which you wish to commence. Closing dates will be emailed to all current UniSA law students when they are released.

To apply or to find out your eligibility, please contact the Law Honours Coordinator by emailing lawhonoursenquiries@unisa.edu.au

For more information about Honours in Law visit:

Scholarships

Honours scholarships may be available. Please visit the Scholarships website for more details: www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship