

## Honours Thesis Guidelines

Senior students majoring in History may be eligible to complete an Honours Thesis and earn the corresponding designation on their official transcripts and degree parchments. The Honours Thesis is a single work that represents the pinnacle of achievement of an undergraduate student in History.

The thesis will be written over the course of an academic year and is therefore worth 6 credits. The entire thesis, including introduction, conclusion, and bibliography, should be approximately sixty pages in length. Students who write an Honours Thesis will be required to give a public presentation on their research, generally at the end of the spring semester. Once the thesis has been completed, it will be added to the collections of the University library.

### The prerequisites are as follows:

Fourth-year standing (a minimum of 90.0 credit hours)  
AND A cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher  
AND A cumulative GPA of 3.30 on the last ten History courses  
AND A minimum of 10 courses (30.0 credit hours) in History  
AND History 2222  
AND One Independent Study (3.0 credit hours) in History at the 3000 or 4000 level  
AND Application to the Department of History (Form available on the department website)

Please note: the prerequisites listed above will not be waived under any circumstances.

**\*History 4995 CANNOT be used to complete either of the two 4000-level course requirements for the History major.**

### Applying for the Honours Thesis

1. Students who satisfy the above criteria should discuss potential thesis topics with a professor who may agree to supervise them.
2. To demonstrate that they possess sufficient background in the field, students must submit the following items to the prospective supervisor no later than the end of May:
  - a. A completed Application form indicating that they have meet all the prerequisite requirements.
  - b. A two-page proposal, with a description of the proposed study and an outline of the steps by which it will be completed.
  - c. A preliminary bibliography
  - d. A copy of their transcript
3. The supervisor should identify a second reader for the thesis (if there are co-supervisors, another/second reader is not required but may be added if desired).

4. The supervisor(s) should verify that all information is complete and submit the application form, proposal and bibliography electronically to the Chair of the Graduate Education Committee no later than the end of June.
5. That GEC will make its decision within two weeks of receiving the proposal and may seek additional information from the student or supervisor if required.
6. For successful applicants, the Department Chair will fill out and sign an Approval and Registration for Undergraduate Thesis Course form, which will then be sent to the supervisor who will sign the form and return it to the student for submission to the Registrar's Office.

### **Completion of the Honours Thesis**

1. The entire thesis, including introduction, conclusion, and bibliography, should be approximately sixty pages in length.
2. Students who write an Honours Thesis will be required to give a public presentation on their research, generally at the end of the spring semester.
3. The evaluation and final grading of History 4995 will be done jointly by a minimum of two people -- the student's supervisor and a second reader, or in the case of co-supervision, the two supervisors. (A third member may be added to the committee if desired). The student must receive a B+ or higher to qualify for the Honours Thesis designation. In the case of a disagreement over this assessment, an additional reader will be chosen by the Department Chair.
4. Once the thesis has been completed, the thesis should be submitted to be added to the electronic collections of the University library by the Thesis Supervisor using the following link: <[https://www.ulethbridge.ca/lib/self-serve/honour\\_thesis/](https://www.ulethbridge.ca/lib/self-serve/honour_thesis/)>