

Faculty of Social Sciences Geography undergraduate

students with a GPA of 6.0 or higher the opportunity to undertake a concentrated course of studies related specifically to their research interests.

The program is divided into two courses:

- x GEOG 499A (1.5 units); and
- x GEOG 499B (1.5 units).

These courses support the completion of a supervised independent research project chosen by the student (the Honours Thesis), and the presentation and defense of the Honours Thesis in an oral exam at the end of the second term

Much of the learning is self-directed with a supervisor, and in addition, there are regular class meetings with the Honours cohort taught by the Honours Advisor

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task of GEOG 499A is to develop the Honours cohort community that supports and sustains (student) writing discipline research proposal, completed as a literature review, conducting research

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ate students considering future graduate work will find that the Honours Program provides them with certain advantages over and above their major degree program. The formulation of an Honours Thesis, with its associated skills development (e.g., literature review, fieldwork, data collection, analysis, interpretation, writing, and oral examination), affords invaluable research experience and provides a unique application of your interests. This is based on graduates with a professional background in an area of your interest means that you will acquire a solid foundation in your area

[Human Research Ethics Board](#) or the [UVic Animal Care Committee](#). Approval may take several weeks and may require you to submit your application, so plan to complete this as soon as possible to avoid delays in data collection.

6. Start data collection. Note “data” or “evidence” may take many different forms depending on the nature of your research.



Please note: Completion of 499A & 499B are in ADDITION to your other degree requirements. They do NOT satisfy the requirement for 3.0 units of 400-level GEOG courses in Geography degree programs.

2. Procedures for the Honours Thesis Final Oral Examination

1. Discuss potential dates for your oral exam with your Supervisor. Coordinate with your Second Reader and the Honours Advisor for a date and time when everyone is available. Once you have a date, contact the Honours Program Assistant to book a room for your oral exam and then confirm this with everyone. If you have an external reader who is not on campus, you should arrange for the booking of the videoconferencing facility with the Honours Program Assistant. This must be done early to ensure a room. Be sure to invite other interested parties to your oral presentation and to celebrate your work. This enhances your experience.

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3. Honours ThesisD



7.0 References Appendix A Appendix B

8. Thesis Length: 5000 pages of text, including maps, diagrams, bibliography, and appendices. Note: Quality is far more important than length. If you intend to publish your work, check with your Supervisor for the relevant journal guidelines for publication.



(Sample Thesis Title Page)

RECENT TRENDS IN GEOGRAPHIC PHENOMENA
by
I.M.A. Student

A graduating thesis submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the
Honours degree





Department of Geography
Honours Program Registration Request

Student name: _____

Student number: V00_____ Program year: _____

Student preferred email: _____

COURSE ABBREVIATION	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNIT VALUE
Geog	499A	Honours thesis	1.5
Geog	499B	Honours thesis	1.5

TOPIC TITLE: _____

Will this project require ethics approval? YES NO

PROPOSED HONOURS RESEARCH PROJECT:

These courses will be started during one of the following semesters with the understanding that all coursework will be completed by the end of that semester and grades submitted accordingly.

An Honours program running September to April is strongly recommended.

Sep– Dec	Year: _____	499A	499B
Jan– Apr	Year: _____	499A	499B
May– Aug	Year: _____	499A	499B

Supervisor's name: _____

Supervisor's signature: _____ Date approved: _____

Honours Advisor's signature: _____ Date approved: _____

I have read the Honours Program Guidelines, and, by signing this form, I agree to the conditions therein. I agree that I will be available for the scheduled person weekly meetings for these courses.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

