



Honours Program FAQ

What graduate studies can I pursue with the Honours degree?

Students can enter graduate studies in fields such as Communications, Composition, Media Studies, and Rhetoric.

What careers can I pursue with the Honours degree?

Upon completion, students are well prepared for public- and private-sector careers that depend on advanced analytical and communicative skills.

What are the admission requirements?

Students must have:

- Minimum 30 credit hours completed
- Minimum 3.0 GPA (B) in all Honours Subject courses (based on all attempts)
- Minimum 2.5 GPA (C+) in Non-Honours Subject courses (Fs are not included, and in the case of repeated courses, only the highest grade will be used).

What are the required courses?

Students must complete core RHET courses at the 1000-, 2000-, and 3000- level, some of which are offered every other year. In addition, students must complete a minimum of 18 credit hours of 4000-level Honours courses. Honours courses include:

RHET-4138(3) Modern Rhetorical Theory

RHET-4150(3) Studies in the Rhetoric of Nonfiction

RHET-4151(3) Critical Theories of Discourse and Ideology

RHET-4152(3) Digital Rhetorics

RHET-4401(3) Rhetoric of the Public Sphere

RHET-4420(3) Rhetorics of Identity

RHET-4900(3) Honours Thesis in Rhetoric and Communications

How do I apply to the program?

To apply, complete the [Honours Major Declaration/Honours-Level Permission Form](#), and submit it to the Department via t.muvingi@uwinnipeg.ca. Our Honours Advisor will review your forms, and then you will be informed about your eligibility for the program. If approved, our Department will email the forms to Registration/Student Central so they can update your student record.

We strongly recommend that students considering the Honours Program meet with our Honours Advisor, Dr. Matthew Flisfeder (m.flisfeder@uwinnipeg.ca), before to applying.

NOTE: Students who would like to graduate with an Honours degree but are not yet registering for 4000-level courses do **not** need to submit the Honours declaration form until they are actually registering for 4000-level courses. Degree planning questions for advisors are, of course, still welcome.

How do I register for Honours courses?

Once our Department emails the completed declaration form to Registration, the permission/granted petition hold will be released from all approved courses within 2-3 business days. You will then be able to complete the registration process in WebAdvisor/Student Planning.

If you do not complete all of your Honours course requirements within one academic year, you can complete the form again to continue in the following year.

NOTE: If you are missing a course prerequisite or need other permissions (e.g., registering over capacity), those must be provided by the course instructor. The process will proceed faster if you have already obtained these permissions before submitting your Honours forms. Honours advisors cannot waive course prerequisites or allow registration over capacity. Please indicate whether you have already obtained a prerequisite waiver in the Prerequisite Waiver column of the declaration form.

What is the Honours Thesis in Rhetoric and Communications (RHET-4900)?

The Honours Thesis is an elective that is taught on a one-on-one basis through an arrangement between an Honours student and a supervising faculty member in the Department. The student completes an Honours thesis paper as part of this course.

How long is the Honours Thesis?

The Honours Thesis is a 3-credit hour course offered over the course of one term.

What are the requirements for completing the Honours Thesis?

Students must complete a 30-35 page thesis paper under the mentorship of their course supervisor. Upon completion, the thesis paper is reviewed by the faculty supervisor and a second reader. A student's thesis may develop out of their prior coursework in Rhetoric and Communications.

How do I register for the Honours Thesis course?

Once a student identifies a thesis topic, they can approach a potential faculty supervisor who has expertise in the topic area. If the faculty member agrees to supervise the student, then the student must submit an [Honours Thesis Application Form](#) to the Department via t.muvingi@uwinnipeg.ca. Once your application is approved by the Department you can register for the Thesis course via WebAdvisor.

Can I take Honours courses if I am not in the Honours Program?

Non-Honours students can take Honours courses (except the Honours Thesis) without applying to the program. Non-Honours students must request permission to register in Honours courses from the Department of Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications by contacting the course instructor, or by emailing t.muvingi@uwinnipeg.ca

Where can I find more information?

- Academic Calendar: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/rhet.pdf>
- RHET Honours Advisor, Dr. Matthew Flisfeder (m.flisfeder@uwinnipeg.ca)