Your honours degree

CSU offers courses in...

- Agricultural and Wine Sciences
- Allied Health
- Animal and Veterinary Sciences
- Business
- Communication and Creative Industries
- Environmental Science
- Exercise and Sports Sciences
- Humanities, Social Work and Human Services
- Information Technology, Computing and Mathematics
- Library and Information Studies
- Medical Science
- Nursing
- Policing, Security and Emergency Management
- Psychology
- Science
- Teaching and Education
- Theology and Religious Studies
Welcome from the Vice-Chancellor and President

Charles Sturt University (CSU) is committed to excellence in the courses it offers, in the experience of our students as part of our community, and in the depth and breadth of our research.

We are proud to be a leading player in international research in agricultural and veterinary sciences, education, biological, chemical and environmental sciences, ethics and philosophy.

Enrolling in an Honours program at CSU will give you the opportunity to further develop your knowledge and research skills in a specific area of your choice, providing a stepping stone to further research and lifelong learning.

As a member of the CSU community, you will experience first-hand the links we have with the business community, industry, government and the professions. Our focus is on combining knowledge from practice and research with quality teaching and learning. This is central to our success as a university – our commitment to industry-aligned, relevant courses ensuring our graduates are well-equipped for the workforce.

Our unique campus environments and friendly communities provide you with a welcoming, engaging and rewarding study environment. Enhance your future by undertaking an Honours program at CSU, and enjoy being part of our community.

Professor Andrew Vann
Vice-Chancellor and President
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Charles Sturt University invites you to experience the diverse and enriching education we offer our Honours students.

As a student undertaking your Honours degree, you will explore an area of interest to you through a written thesis or dissertation or a project in your discipline area. While completing this degree, you will benefit from the relationships you build with fellow students and the teaching staff, who will support and guide you in your endeavours.

CSU’s reputation for providing practical experience and focus on meeting skills shortages in regional communities ensures that as an Honours graduate, you will be industry ready to pursue work or further study. You will gain valuable skills in critical thinking, research and information assessment, decision-making and time management, giving you a competitive advantage in the career you choose to pursue.

The honours degree also provides a pathway to higher degrees by research at Master and Doctoral level.

Testimonial

“I have found that completing Honours with CSU has placed me in a very good position for doing research in the postgraduate Master course I am now completing. This indicates how well the Honours program prepares students for postgraduate study, because the Master has not been as challenging as I expected postgraduate study to be.

“The balance of both research and practical skills has given me an excellent competitive edge in an international academic environment - wow!

“Studying Honours allows you to explore a topic in depth, developing a sustained piece of work that can be used to prepare you for future study or as a calling card for the industry.

“I think Honours is a great polishing year to prepare you for the next step in your career.”

Rebecca Wolak
Honours graduate

Honours graduates have a depth of understanding and strength of conviction in their field of expertise that are invaluable in their work life, ensuring a readiness to make a significant contribution to the world.

Completing Honours also allows you to contribute something back to your field through your project or dissertation. Honours study can enable you to investigate a topic or theory that may not have been formally studied before. You can explore a new perspective, create an exhibition of your work, develop a new program or even make scientific discoveries.

CSU has a strong record of conducting internationally competitive research, and Honours can be the first step to your research career.
Reasons you should study Honours

01 COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IN YOUR CAREER
Honours offers graduates a competitive edge in the employment market locally and internationally. In fact, some employers, such as Treasury and the Reserve Bank, will only hire graduates with an Honours qualification.

02 HONOURS TAKES YOU FURTHER
Honours is often a pathway to further postgraduate study of a particular topic, or can allow you to move into a new field of interest, providing opportunities to work with like-minded postgraduate students and lecturers in a supportive, collaborative environment.

03 EXTEND YOUR KNOWLEDGE IN A SPECIFIC AREA
CSU’s Honours programs involve completing coursework and research tasks to enhance your knowledge in your chosen field. With your detailed knowledge of your topic, you will be better placed to choose your career path and of more value to prospective employers. You will also build a strong relationship with your supervisor, who may have professional contacts in your field of interest.

04 HIGHER EARNING POTENTIAL
As you will have a qualification that distinguishes you from your peers, your career prospects are heightened. Through completion of your Honours study, you will demonstrate that you are capable of meeting a range of challenges, which make you better qualified to be employed in higher positions in the local or international workforce.

05 DEMONSTRATE YOUR CAPACITY
Studying at Honours level develops higher-level skills in research and critical thinking. As an Honours student, you will demonstrate your initiative with your research project, and be able to argue your point and discuss your topic with strong grounding in the facts.

06 CHALLENGING AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE
While this period of intense study can seem demanding, you will find that the focus and dedication is highly valued and worthwhile. You can reflect on your achievements and put your deep understanding of what you have researched to good use in the community or workplace.

What’s involved?

At CSU, Honours is either integrated into your undergraduate degree, designed to allow interested and able students to investigate their fields of interest with a cohort they have already worked with, or it may be a separate year of study that can be enrolled in after you complete a bachelor degree in a relevant field. See page 4 for more information about the different types of Honours degrees.

Study may include readings, a literature review, research methods subjects, and a thesis / dissertation, project or creative work and exhibition. You will complete coursework subjects that will develop your research and information synthesis skills and your knowledge of your field, which will prepare you for your research project or dissertation. Depending on which course you are studying, the type and weighting of the various components will vary. Ask your lecturers what is involved in completing the Honours degree related to your course, or check the online course brochure at: www.csu.edu.au/courses

Some examples of Honours program study patterns include:

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<th>Coursework</th>
<th>Project/dissertation</th>
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<td>Bachelor of Arts (Honours)</td>
<td>Two 16 point subjects</td>
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<td>Art History, English, History Philosophy, Sociology</td>
<td>Two 8 point subjects, one 16 point subject</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Business (Honours)</td>
<td>Two 16 point subjects</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Educational Research (Honours)</td>
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<td>Optional readings subject worth up to 16 points</td>
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<td>Coursework worth between 16 and 40 points, depending on weighting of research project</td>
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Note: One standard subject at CSU is worth 8 points
How does Honours work?

All four CSU faculties offer a range of Honours degrees, which usually require the completion of 64 points of study. Honours may be approached in two ways:

**Integrated Honours**
In some degrees, Honours may be integrated into the course structure, so when you are completing your second or third year you can choose between taking a Pass stream or, if eligible, an Honours stream. In the Honours stream, you will complete a research project, while the Pass stream builds your knowledge through coursework. Courses that have integrated Honours are usually four years in duration overall.

**Honours degrees**
Many Honours programs are a separate course that you will need to enrol in after successfully completing your undergraduate degree. Usually this involves an additional year of full-time study, or equivalent, following your degree. Many CSU Honours courses have flexible options available, such as distance education or part-time study, if you aren’t sure you can commit to more full-time on campus study.

How do I get into Honours?
Students who are achieving good results in their course, have an interest in completing further study or research, or who want to gain the edge in the workforce should apply to complete an Honours year.

Usually, you will need to achieve a Credit average, or Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5, or higher in some disciplines, in the relevant subjects in the second and third years of your Bachelor degree to be eligible for Honours. Some courses have limited places for Honours students, so entry is competitive. You should also talk with your lecturers to see if Honours study is suited to you and your professional goals.

**Calculating your Grade Point Average**
At CSU, your Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated from your results in each subject you complete in your Bachelor degree. In some courses, only the core subjects or subjects in your major are counted, so check with your School for any specific requirements. If you don’t perform as well as you had hoped in one subject, you may still be able to achieve a high enough GPA for admission to Honours if you do well in your other subjects.

You can follow the steps below to calculate your GPA.

**Grades included in the GPA:**

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<td>High Distinction</td>
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1. Take your grades from your academic statement. If you are a current CSU student, these are available through student.csu, or ask your institution for a transcript.

2. Look up the numeric value of the grade awarded for each relevant subject you have studied in the table above (e.g. Credit = 5).

**Example 1:**
- ACC100 Accounting 1  DI = 6
- BUS110 Professional Practice  PS = 4
- ECO110 Microeconomics  CR = 5
- LAW110 Business Law  CR = 5

**Example 2:**
- ACC100 Accounting 1  PS = 4
- BUS110 Professional Practice CR = 5
- ECO110 Microeconomics CR = 5
- LAW110 Business Law PS = 4

3. Next, multiply the numeric value of each grade (above) by the point value of the subject – this can be obtained from your transcript (e.g. 8 points, 16 points – sometimes the transcript will read ‘units’ depending on the university). Total this for each subject studied. Note that, for most courses, Fail and Fail Withdrawn grades must be taken into account.

**Example 1:**
- ACC100: 6 x 8 = 48
- BUS110: 4 x 8 = 32
- ECO110: 5 x 8 = 40
- LAW110: 5 x 8 = 40
- Total = 48 + 32 + 40 + 40 = 160

**Example 2:**
- ACC100: 4 x 8 = 32
- BUS110: 5 x 8 = 40
- ECO110: 5 x 8 = 40
- LAW110: 4 x 8 = 32
- Total = 32 + 40 + 40 + 32 = 144

4. Finally, divide the total from Step 3 by the total of the point values of the subjects.

**Example 1:**
- GPA = 160 / 32 = 5.00
- (GPA is calculated to two decimal places)

**Example 2:**
- GPA = 144 / 32 = 4.50

This means that the student may enter the Honours program.

This means that the student would not be eligible for the Honours program, and you should discuss your aspirations with your Course Director.

DID YOU KNOW?
CSU offers a range of study support programs that can help you improve your grades and boost your chances of achieving the GPA needed to get into Honours.
For more information, visit: www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/student-support/study-support
Honours is within reach

Studying Honours might be something you have considered, but thought only the smartest students in the class would be accepted. While there is a requirement to achieve a certain academic level to be accepted into Honours, it is not out of reach, especially if you start thinking about it early.

During your undergraduate studies at Charles Sturt University, you have access to a range of study support services to help you achieve the best results you can. In addition to discussing your progress and assignments with your lecturers, these services include helping develop your skills in writing essays, taking notes, reading efficiently, exam techniques and general study skills. There is also mathematics assistance available to help if you are having trouble with the maths or statistics in your course.

Advice is available online to get you started. For more information, visit: www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/student-support/study-support

Other ways you can get the best out of your study include:

**SET THE GOAL** for Honours and talk to your lecturers about it, even if you are at the start of your degree. Your lecturers will be able to offer support and guidance and help you achieve the marks you need to be accepted into Honours.

**WORK ON YOUR TIME MANAGEMENT AND GET ORGANISED.** You don’t necessarily have to make more time to study, but find strategies that work for you and make the most of the time you have available. This may include making flash cards, flow charts and diagrams, or simply taking and re-reading notes.

**SET UP A DESIGNATED STUDY SPACE.** It is important to have somewhere you can go to study where any materials you need are at your fingertips and you can work without distractions. This may mean stocking a desk at home with paper, pens and other study materials, or deciding to head to your campus or local library for some peace and quiet.

**SPEAK UP.** If you are having problems with an assignment or aren’t sure about some of the course material, speak to your lecturers early to get help. Staff consultation times will be listed in your course materials. Friends and classmates may also be a good source of assistance or support – they might have the same questions you do! You could consider starting a study group with fellow students.

**DON’T PROCRASTINATE.** Keep a diary or calendar with due dates for assignments, and break larger assignments into smaller, achievable tasks. Set goals and stick to them, perhaps rewarding yourself with a study break, lunch with friends or your favourite TV show when you complete a task.

**REMEMBER**

Check whether you are eligible to apply for any scholarships to help with the costs of Honours study. Honours Scholarships are available to high-achieving students, or check for Foundation Scholarships, which may be awarded based on financial hardship, community service, dedication to study, or even just where you live!

For more information, visit: www.csu.edu.au/scholarships

**Would I be able to complete Honours successfully?**

Achieving your Honours degree sets you apart from other university graduates because you have shown a willingness and determination to achieve a higher level of study than an undergraduate degree provides.

While Honours is a challenge, it builds on study you have already completed in your undergraduate degree and allows you more freedom and self-directed study. The programs are designed to encourage you to think in a different way to undergraduate studies, and develop your research skills so you can go on to complete research degrees at a higher level.

You will learn research and analysis techniques before going on to complete your thesis, ensuring you have the skills required to successfully complete Honours. Your supervisor will provide you with the support you need to stay on track and provide advice if you have questions, and the Library staff can help you find the resources you need within CSU’s library system, including affiliated libraries and in the online environment.

An Honours degree provides you with an opportunity to complete research in a field that is of particular interest to you. You can do what you love and set your own goals. If you are enjoying your study, you are more likely to do well.

It can be useful to start planning early in your degree if you are considering Honours study. If you are having trouble with any of the material in your course, seek help early to improve your Grade Point Average.
Why choose CSU for your Honours degree?

Employment opportunities
Charles Sturt University has a strong record for graduate employability.
A recent Graduate Destination Survey shows 82.3% of CSU graduates found employment within four months of completing their undergraduate degree.
Completing Honours study adds another competitive edge to your graduate profile, providing additional skills in research and presentation of information.
CSU has also earned the highest possible level, a five-star rating, from the Hobson’s Good Universities Guide for access by equity groups and flexible entry. The University also received a four-star rating for international students, gender balance, graduate employment and starting salaries.
CSU consistently ranks highly in the Good Universities Guide for getting a job, positive graduate outcomes and graduate starting salary.
CSU’s graduates are in demand for their highly relevant and adaptable skills, developed as a result of CSU’s collaboration with industry and the professions. Most of CSU’s undergraduate courses provide students with workplace learning and practical experience, ensuring they are job ready, and 70% of CSU’s courses target skills shortage areas, delivering on the Australian government’s national skills priorities.

Flexible study options
As a CSU student, you can choose when, where and how you study. Even if you completed your undergraduate degree on campus, you may be able to choose to complete Honours part-time or by distance education.

On campus
While some Honours students have already enjoyed the facilities of CSU, many may be new to our campuses.
As a CSU student, you will have access to our state-of-the-art facilities and clinics to carry out your research. Many of our laboratories, clinics and practical spaces are industry standard, so you will gain an extra year of experience using the equipment you will be using in the workforce when you graduate.
Every CSU campus offers a range of activities and facilities to assist all students to establish networks away from the classroom, helping to form friendships they will cherish for life.
Depending on your campus, facilities may include:
- sporting facilities such as a swimming pool, gymnasiums, football, soccer and hockey fields, basketball, squash, netball, volleyball and tennis courts
- cafés, canteens, mini-markets, dining rooms and student bars with live entertainment
- childcare centres
- a community radio station, broadcasting from Bathurst Campus
- bus services at Wagga Wagga, providing a link to your region
- full access to student clinics, such as the Dental and Oral Health clinics, Allied Health Clinic, and Nutrition Clinic
- modern computer laboratories with out-of-hours access
- 24-hour security service
- social activities
- banking and postal facilities
- Learning Commons to allow relaxed interaction with library facilities and staff

Honours students can also stay involved in uni life by joining social, cultural or sporting clubs on campus or attending student functions.
If you choose to study on campus, you may undertake a combination of lectures and tutorials, enhanced by innovative online learning delivery that is at the forefront of the global tertiary sector.
To find out more about the facilities and services on each campus, visit: www.csu.edu.au/oncampus

Distance education
CSU is a leader in the provision of distance education, enabling you to complete your degree from home instead of being locked in to a schedule of attending classes on campus. A well developed system of delivering course materials online means you will have access to everything you need for each subject, regardless of where you live.
Subject outlines provide you with all the information about when assignments are due, while you will also have access to online study materials.
Distance education students can get in contact with each other or with teaching staff via online forums, email and phone, so you will still feel connected to other students, even without face-to-face contact.
Distance education may provide the flexibility you are looking for to combine study and work or other commitments.
For more information about how distance education could work for you, visit: www.csu.edu.au/distance-education
To see whether the Honours course you are interested in is offered on campus or by distance education, check the course entries in this book or visit: www.csu.edu.au/courses

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL
“...”
Adam Couchman
Bachelor of Theology (Honours)

REMEMBER
Choosing a supervisor is an important part of preparing for your Honours project. Talk to a range of supervisors about their areas of expertise and their research methods to find someone who matches your needs.

A 10% discount is provided if you pay your student contribution fee upfront. Honours study can also be added to your existing HECS-HELP loan.
Student support
All CSU’s Honours students have continued access to Student Central – the first point of contact for enrolled students to access all non-teaching services via phone, email, web, chat or in person.

Student Central is available on campus at Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Dubbo, Orange, Port Macquarie and Wagga Wagga campuses, and can provide help with:
- accessing your personal records or changing your details
- accessing Learning Skills assistance
- accommodation information
- application for leave of absence, grade reviews, withdrawals
- changing your enrolment
- HECS-HELP
- making counselling appointments
- problems accessing CSU websites
- questions on your financial balances

Contact Student Central on 1800 275 278 (1800 ASK CSU), email: ask@csu.edu.au or visit in person.

Financial support
Most Honours courses have Commonwealth supported places. This means you can extend your HECS-HELP loan to cover the additional year of study, and repay the fees when you graduate and start working. You can also pay your fees upfront to CSU and receive a 10% discount.

Student Contribution Fee (SCF) or HECS exempt places may also be available to high-performing students via the CSU Honours SCF (HECS) Exempt Award. These places enable students to continue their study without being required to pay fees. Information about eligibility for SCF exempt places is available at: www.csu.edu.au/honours

Scholarships
Scholarships are available to help students complete their study, and a number of merit-based scholarships are available to Honours students.

Honours scholarships are valued at $4,000 and paid in equal instalments throughout your Honours program.

Students awarded a CSU Honours Scholarship will automatically also receive a CSU Honours SCF (HECS) Exempt Award, so they will pay no fees for their subjects, and also receive a cash payment.

Several Foundation Scholarships are also available to Honours students. These scholarships are campus-based and sponsored by individuals and organisations outside the University, and can be based on a range of criteria, such as studying in a particular field or living in a certain area, not just academic performance.

For more information, visit: www.csu.edu.au/scholarships or access our Scholarships brochure online at: www.csu.edu.au/about/publications

DID YOU KNOW?
If you are considering an academic career or would like to undertake research at postgraduate level, Honours provides a perfect training ground and helps you develop the essential skills in research and critical thinking.

CSU has students all over the world through its flexible distance education programs. You can study by distance education wherever you live or work, as long as you have a reliable internet connection.

CSU has a huge network of more than 21,500 distance education students from across Australia and around the world.
Your Honours project doesn’t have to be completely in the form of an essay – you may choose to hold an exhibition, and gallery space may be available on campus.

Students at Albury-Wodonga Campus gain practical experience with real clients through allied health, podiatry, speech pathology and dental and oral health clinics on campus.

Chemistry laboratories are available on many CSU campuses.

Wagga Wagga Campus has its own equine centre.

CSU learning and teaching facilities

CSU provides the latest facilities at all of its locations for you to carry out your Honours research, including extensive 24-hour accessible computer facilities, and 24-hour Learning Commons at many campus libraries. Our regional campuses also feature scientific laboratories, television and drama studios, a farm, winery and vineyards, allied health and nutrition clinics, a veterinary clinic, dental and oral health clinics and equine facilities, depending on your campus, which are available to students in those disciplines.

A Test Library at Bathurst Campus provides Psychology students with access to a range of tests, equipment and reference materials.

CSU’s libraries have a great range of educational teaching materials for students, as well as access to a huge variety of resources to help you undertake your research.

Charles Sturt University Winery provides hands-on experience and produces award-winning wines.
Getting started

You will need to have a general idea of what you would like to explore in your research project before you start your Honours year. This idea can then be refined once you get started, to focus on a specific area of interest.

Good starting points include thinking about aspects of your undergraduate degree that particularly intrigued or interested you and that you would like to explore further, or an area of your profession where you would like to specialise. You should then talk to your lecturers about their areas of expertise, or discuss research topics with past or current students.

Other important considerations when choosing your research topic include:

- **Be realistic** – make sure your topic is not so big you cannot cover it in enough detail, or so narrow you will struggle to find enough material for your final work. You also need to choose a project you can complete in the time permitted. For example, full-time students start in February and must submit their projects in October.

- **Check the facts** – visit your local or campus library or search online databases to make sure you can find and access other material related to your research topic. Make sure information is published in a language you understand and that you will be able to access it in a printed or online format during your research.

- **Make sure you are on the right track** – check that at least some existing research supports your thesis. It will be difficult to argue your case if all existing material points in a different direction.

- **Find something that really interests you** – you will have to spend a lot of time working on your research project, so it should be something you are passionate about.

- **Be realistic** – make sure your topic is not so big you cannot cover it in enough detail, or so narrow you will struggle to find enough material for your final work. You also need to choose a project you can complete in the time permitted. For example, full-time students start in February and must submit their projects in October.

Some possible projects include:

**Faculty of Arts**
- interdisciplinary exhibitions
- research presented as a website or visual project
- issues in mental health or social welfare
- practices in journalism and the media
- workshops and developing resources for theatre teachers
- policing practice and strategies for people in different sectors of the community

**Faculty of Business**
- specific elements of business practice
- comparisons between business practices in Australia and overseas
- human resources issues
- developing software programs to address particular problems

**Faculty of Education**
- exploration of specific learning difficulties
- developing classroom resources for teachers
- investigating the influence of environmental factors on sports performance
- exploring strategies to improve athletes’ physical condition
- exploring how people construct, use, preserve and organise information
- research into teacher librarianship practices

**Faculty of Science**
- comparison between health services in rural and metropolitan settings
- particular diseases in animal species and their effects
- ecology conservation
- social research into issues such as climate change or fire management
- treatment and education of health professionals or people with chronic illnesses

How do I choose a supervisor?

As an Honours student, you will have a supervisor to help guide you through your research and advise you as you produce your final thesis or project. Once you have been accepted into the Honours program, you will be provided with information about potential supervisors. Your supervisor is a little like a mentor for your Honours program and will be an essential source of support, so it is important to choose carefully.

Tips for choosing the right supervisor include:

- make sure you select someone with whom you can develop a positive, productive working relationship
- find out which supervisors have areas of interest that match your project proposal
- talk to previous Honours students about their experiences with supervisors
- meet with several potential supervisors before selecting one, to find out about their working methods.
Postgraduate study – the next step?

At the end of your undergraduate degree, you may think you have completed all the study you will need for your career. An Honours year could keep your options open if you change your mind later – or help you decide what you really want to do.

An Honours year not only offers employment benefits when you graduate, but also provides a pathway if you want to pursue a research Master or Doctoral degree.

You may choose to go on to postgraduate study straight away, or return to it after a period in the workforce. Some postgraduate study even requires you to have workplace experience to gain entry.

Honours study is different to postgraduate study because it provides an extension to your undergraduate degree, and offers the foundation skills in research and critical analysis that will be of benefit if you choose to pursue further study. Postgraduate study often provides skills and knowledge for career extension or to change careers, or requires students to produce higher-level research.

Postgraduate degrees may include Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or Master degrees or Doctorates by either coursework or research. Some courses require students to have previous study in a related field, while others are available for students with an undergraduate qualification in any discipline.

Higher degree by coursework: If you’re studying a Master, you can combine coursework or independent study (at least one-third of your program) with a dissertation.

Higher degree by research: If you’re studying a Master or Doctorate, you can spend two-thirds or more of your time on a thesis based on your own original and significant research.

For more information on postgraduate study at CSU, visit: www.csu.edu.au/study/postgraduate

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL
“I have many good memories of studying at CSU. My highlight would be spending a session studying in Shanghai, China.

“I was paired with another CSU student from Wagga Wagga Campus and based at the Shanghai University of Engineering Science. We attended Chinese language classes each day with students from Japan and South Korea, and spent the rest of the time travelling and becoming immersed in the culture.

“What was even better is that the work I did in China counted for four of my electives at Charles Sturt University, which gave me a Joint Study in Business Chinese.

“Since finishing my Honours degree at CSU, I have planned to go to China for a few months to do some more travel, re-immers myself in the culture and language, and to catch up with the friends I made when I was there last time. My plan after that is to do a PhD specialising in ethics in international business.”

Elizabeth Dunlop
Bachelor of Business (Honours)

DID YOU KNOW?
To help with the costs of Honours study, Honours students can apply for scholarships valued at $4,000.

Alumni
If you are completing an undergraduate degree with CSU, you will soon become a member of our Alumni.

CSU aims to build strong and mutually rewarding relationships between our alumni and the University to enhance professional and industry interaction, inspire our graduates to become active advocates of CSU, and to encourage our alumni to contribute back to the University.

By making the most of the opportunities offered to you at CSU and promoting your course experiences, you are contributing towards the University’s reputation and consequently enhancing your job prospects.

More than 130,000 former students and staff of CSU or one of our antecedent institutions make up the CSU Alumni community. We encourage our graduates to remain connected to and engaged with CSU by registering as members. Alumni members are able to take advantage of a Benefits program with a wide range of discounts, services and benefits. Membership is free and open to all alumni. Register at: www.csu.edu.au/alumni

CSU has a proven history of strong research outcomes, an extensive range of student support programs, and friendly campus communities to ensure Honours study is a positive experience.
Honours in each Faculty at CSU is slightly different and, depending on your discipline, you may have different reasons for completing Honours study. The information below relates to undergraduate courses with integrated Honours streams. Listings on the following pages provide details about each of the articulated Honours programs.

**Arts**

An Honours program for Arts students provides an opportunity to explore a specific area of interest within their undergraduate discipline. The program also provides opportunities to further develop a portfolio and gain extra experience putting together professional work, such as a theatre production, a creative arts exhibition or explore a psychological or theological concept.

Students in the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) have the opportunity to examine a specific aspect of social work, such as corrections, disability, mental health or women’s issues, through a research thesis.

Integrated Honours in the Faculty of Arts are available in:
- Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)
- Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

**Business**

The additional year of study required to complete Honours opens opportunities for a broad range of career paths for Business graduates. In career options such as economics, an Honours year is highly valued. Some employers, such as Treasury or the Reserve Bank, require students to have an Honours qualification. The research and writing skills developed during an Honours year are regarded as essential for economists.

Market research companies value Honours graduates for their quantitative and analytical skills, which are valuable in their career.

Sophisticated programming skills developed during Honours research are also well regarded and highly sought in larger information technology companies.

Integrated Honours in the Faculty of Business is available in:
- Bachelor of Computer Science (Games Technology) (Honours)

**Education**

Honours is a valuable step for Education students interested in pursuing research or completing postgraduate study. The additional year can also be used to develop knowledge and skills in a particular area of interest in which the student hopes to specialise during their career.

Employers in the fields of teaching, education, exercise and sports sciences, and information studies value graduates who have completed an Honours year due to their high-level skills in data collection, interpretation and analysis, critical thought and improved verbal and written skills.

The additional year of study can also provide students with a chance to expand on their existing knowledge to improve their employability.

Integrated Honours in the Faculty of Education are available in:
- Bachelor of Education (Health and Physical Education) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Education (Primary) (Honours)

**Science**

Many Science courses, particularly in allied health fields, have integrated Honours, enabling students to choose either a Pass stream or Honours stream. Graduates who have completed Honours will have the edge over other applicants when seeking employment, as they will have developed greater professional credibility.

Honours also lays the foundations for students to pursue postgraduate study and a research career in their scientific field. Completing Honours can provide greater career progression.

Integrated Honours in the Faculty of Science are available in:
- Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Honours)
- Bachelor of Animal Science (Honours)
- Bachelor of Environmental Science and Management (Honours)
- Bachelor of Health Science (Nutrition and Dietetics) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Health Science (Speech Pathology) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Podiatry (Honours)
- Bachelor of Veterinary Biology / Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours)
- Bachelor of Viticulture and Wine Science (Honours)

Depending on the undergraduate course you are studying, your Honours degree may be integrated into your program, or you may have to enrol in Honours separately and complete an additional year (or equivalent) of study.
Having an Honours degree can be a big advantage in the competitive job market, demonstrating to employers that you have higher-level critical writing and research skills. It is also the main pathway towards research degrees at the Master or Doctorate levels.

Honours is usually a combination of a Discipline Development component (coursework) and a Research Development component (research project).

The research project can weigh 25%, 50% or 75% of the degree and it usually culminates in a written dissertation.

While Honours is normally done full-time on campus, you can complete your Honours degree over two years by part-time study. An Honours degree by distance education is possible if appropriate external supervision and research facilities are available.

“CSU prepares new professionals so they are excited and confident in taking on their chosen careers and does so in a manner I believe is of a higher standard than many other universities.”

Darren Oen
Bachelor of Education (Primary) (Honours)
**BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS)**

This course builds on analytical and critical thinking skills in a specialised field chosen by the individual student, enhancing communication and research skills and preparing them for postgraduate study.

**Enrolment information**
- **Campus:** WW
- **Course duration:**
  - 1 year FT
  - 2 years PT
- **On campus:** ✓
- **Distance education:** ✓
- **CRICOS Code:** 012496E
- **International students:** ✓

**About the course**

This course is available to applicants who have been awarded, or who are eligible to graduate with CSU’s Bachelor of Arts, or applicants who have completed a comparable degree at another institution.

Students qualified to enter the Honours program should consider its advantages, particularly the development of higher-level analytical skills and enhanced expertise in research and communication. Completion of an Honours degree is a prerequisite for admission to a postgraduate research degree.

Your Honours disciplinary area can be chosen from:

- Art History
- English
- History
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology

Applicants will normally be required to have a major in their proposed Honours disciplinary area and to have attained grades of Credit or better in the second and third level subjects of the major (or have what is deemed to be the equivalent from another institution).

Graduates with a good academic record will also be able to apply for entry to a higher degree by research, such as the Doctor of Philosophy.

**Further information:**

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**BACHELOR OF ARTS (VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS) (HONOURS) - WITH SPECIALISATIONS**

CSU’s Bachelor of Arts (Visual and Performing Arts) (Honours) is designed to provide high-achieving students with an understanding of the role of research as applied to the specialist field of study.

**Enrolment information**
- **Campus:** WW
- **Course duration:**
  - 1 year FT
  - 2 years PT
- **On campus:** ✓
- **Distance education:** ✓
- **International students:**
  - **CRICOS Code:** N/A
  - **On campus:** ✓
  - **Distance education:** ✓

**About the course**

The course offers the following specialisations:

- Acting for Screen and Stage
- Animation and Visual Effects
- Design for Theatre and Television
- Fine Arts
- Graphic Design
- Photography
- Television Production

Upon completion of the course, graduates will be able to demonstrate: a comprehensive understanding of current debates and issues in their specialist field of arts practice, the ability to conduct research in their specialist field of arts practice and the ability to successfully undertake postgraduate study at Master or PhD level.

The Honours course is only available to applicants who have been awarded or are eligible to graduate with an appropriate undergraduate degree.

Applicants must have achieved a minimum of a Credit average and a Distinction or better in third level major studio subjects or have achieved comparable grades from another institution.

**Further information:**

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**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS (HONOURS)**

CSU’s Bachelor of Business (Honours) offers high-achieving undergraduate students the opportunity for advanced study in the key discipline areas offered by the Faculty of Business.

**Enrolment information**
- **Campus:** AW, Ba, WW
- **Course duration:**
  - 1 year FT
  - 2 years PT
- **On campus:** ✓
- **Distance education:** ✓
- **International students:**
  - **CRICOS Code:** 020103E
  - **On campus:** ✓
  - **Distance education:** ✓

**About the course**

Graduates gain a competitive edge in securing employment, substantial theoretical and practical business-related research exposure, and the advanced research skills to continue into a higher degree by research.

This course is offered for study following successful completion of undergraduate studies (achieved with a minimum Credit average).

Successful Honours graduates will be eligible for admission on a competitive basis to relevant postgraduate courses.

Domestic students can also choose to study this course by distance education.

**Further information:**

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**Telephone:** 1800 334 733
BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATION (HONOURS)

This course prepares graduates to be critical consumers of research, with a knowledge of key research paradigms and the ability to design, conduct and evaluate an innovative research project.

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DID YOU KNOW?

CSU offers a number of scholarships for Honours students. Honours scholarships are valued at $4,000 paid in equal instalments throughout the program. Students who receive a CSU Honours Scholarship are also exempt from paying the student contribution fee for their Honours study.

Visit: www.csu.edu.au/scholarships

BACHELOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE (HONOURS)

CSU’s Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours) incorporates high level coursework and a major project, offering students flexibility to research their particular area of interest.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Sometimes employers, such as Treasury and the Reserve Bank, require you to have an Honours degree to be eligible to work for them.

The critical thinking and analysis skills developed while completing Honours are valued in the employment market in a huge range of fields.

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About the course

This Honours program trains students in computer science research, which will allow them to proceed to postgraduate research degrees such as a PhD or Master degree by research.

Working in their area of interest, students develop their skills in one of the following fields:

- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Information Technology
- Software Engineering

Applicants should have obtained a Bachelor degree in computer science from an Australian or approved overseas university. Students with a Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Arts with a programming major or specialisation will also be considered. Students must also have achieved that degree at a minimum of Credit level.

Further information:

www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/computer_scienceHonours

About the course

This course is available to applicants with a high level of achievement and who have been awarded, or who are eligible to graduate with, one of the following:

- Bachelor of Communication (Advertising)
- Bachelor of Communication (Commercial Radio)
- Bachelor of Communication (Journalism)
- Bachelor of Communication (Public Relations)
- Bachelor of Communication (Theatre/Media)
- Bachelor of Media Communication

In certain circumstances, the course is available to applicants who have completed a comparable degree at Charles Sturt University or another institution.

Applicants will be expected to have achieved a Credit average or better in the second and third level subjects of their Bachelor qualification.

Acceptance into the Honours program is subject to the approval of the Course Coordinator and is at the discretion of the Head of the School of Communication and Creative Industries.

Students will complete a specialisation in one of the following:

- Advertising
- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Theatre and Media

Further information:

www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/communicationHonours
BACHELOR OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH (HONOURS)

CSU’s Bachelor of Educational Research (Honours) enables students scope to select from a wide range of methodologies providing considerable flexibility in research design.

Enrolment information
- Campus: Ba
- Course duration: 1 year FT
- On campus: ✓
- Distance education: ✓
- International students: ✗
- CRICOS Code: N/A

About the course
Entry to this course is via the Graduate Certificate in Educational Research, which provides an introduction to educational research, an overview of common educational research methods, followed by a more in-depth focus on qualitative and quantitative research methodologies. These subjects prepare students for the 32 point dissertation undertaken for the Bachelor of Educational Research (Honours).

Students may also access the Bachelor of Educational Research (Honours) following successful completion of the Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) double degree.

The Bachelor of Educational Research (Honours) seeks to foster:
- the disposition to seek reason, explanation and justification
- the ability to see issues in a wider social context
- lifelong learning through the pursuit of scholarly endeavours
- the role of education in addressing issues of equity and social justice
- the propensity to see possibilities and alternatives beyond the narrow exigencies of the present
- the skills of investigation, analysis, reflection, interrogation of data, and the reporting on the outcome of these processes.

Further information:
www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/educational_research_honours

BACHELOR OF EXERCISE SCIENCE (HONOURS)

The Bachelor of Exercise Science (Honours) offers career flexibility by providing an avenue for a research orientation program combining research methods, advanced concepts and an independent project.

Enrolment information
- Campus: Ba
- Course duration: 1 year FT
- On campus: ✓
- Distance education: ✗
- International students: ✗
- CRICOS Code: 073338C

About the course
Employment trends indicate considerable growth in opportunities in fitness and exercise rehabilitation services, sports coaching, sports science, strength and conditioning, leisure, social services and administration in government and funded bodies, as well as private sector organisations.

Graduates may find employment in:
- the sports industry (coaching, sports science, sports administration, strength and conditioning)
- health promotion and fitness industries (corporate / community fitness programming, personal trainer)
- rehabilitation (exercise programming for special populations)
- preventive medicine (cardiac technician)
- leisure and community services (recreation centres)
- school health and physical education (PD/H/PE teacher)
- research (academia, sports institutes).

This course provides an avenue for students to develop skills in research methods, advanced concepts and complete an independent project. Students will engage in scholarly debate and discussion around Exercise Science topics and become critical consumers of research.

Further information:
www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/exercise_honours

BACHELOR OF INFORMATION STUDIES (HONOURS)

CSU’s Bachelor of Information Studies (Honours) is designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop expertise in research methods and data analysis, study in-depth a topic in the field of information studies which is of particular interest to them, and complete a dissertation in their field of interest.

Enrolment information
- Campus: WW
- Course duration: 2 years PT
- On campus: ✗
- Distance education: ✓
- International students: ✗
- CRICOS Code: N/A

About the course
Graduates of the Bachelor of Information Studies (Honours) will have developed the knowledge, skills and expertise needed to undertake research in information studies, and be able to demonstrate this knowledge through the development of a research proposal, execution of the research design and the completion of a dissertation. Graduates will enter the workforce at the forefront of the evolving information professions. They will also be qualified to undertake a career in the information studies field, to work as researchers, or be in a position to undertake a further research higher degree.

To support the development of your knowledge and skills in contemporary information practice, our learning support systems include:
- modern IT facilities with the latest information management software
- a focus on providing access to support and resources through the internet, email, leading online learning platforms and Web 2.0 technologies
- comprehensive and dedicated online library services
- access to experienced learning skills support staff
- highly qualified and responsive academic staff.

There are no residential schools for this course, but students are encouraged to visit the School while undertaking the degree to work with their supervisors and to present their research in a research seminar.

Further information:
www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/information_studies_honours
**BACHELOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HONOURS)**

The Bachelor of Information Technology (Honours) has a distinct structure while also offering the flexibility to meet the needs of students wishing to specialise in different areas.

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**About the course**

This Honours course typically includes a substantial research project, however the structure is flexible so that students can design a program that will meet their individual requirements, subject to approval.

Objectives of the program are to:
- provide knowledge, skills and attitudes relevant to the conduct of research, especially for entry to higher degree courses
- develop an advanced level of knowledge in the area of specialisation
- further develop verbal and written skills relevant to advanced studies and research.

Students may commence studies at the beginning of the academic year, or in mid-year, subject to places being available.

**Further information:**


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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS)**

The Bachelor of Science (Honours) has the flexibility to meet the needs of students wishing to specialise in a variety of disciplines.

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**About the course**

The Bachelor of Science (Honours) aims to provide knowledge and skills relevant to conducting research, especially for entry to higher degrees by research. The flexible structure allows students to design a program that meets their individual requirements.

This course allows you to investigate an issue or problem in depth through a critical review of literature, define and delimit research problems, and formulate research aims or questions. You will acquire an understanding of the research process, develop a research proposal and demonstrate proficiency in the execution of a research project.

CSU’s Bachelor of Science (Honours) requires you to produce and submit a thesis or project by effectively communicating the research project in written and verbal formats.

**Specialisations:**

- Agribusiness
- Agriculture
- Agronomy
- Animal Science
- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Conservation
- Dentistry
- Ecotourism
- Environmental Management
- Environmental Science
- Equine Science
- Health and Rehabilitation Science
- Horticulture
- Livestock Production
- Medical Imaging
- Medical Science
- Mental Health
- Natural Resource Management
- Nuclear Medicine
- Nursing
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Oral Health
- Spatial Science
- Wine Science and Viticulture

**Further information:**


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**DID YOU KNOW?**

An Honours project doesn’t have to take the form of a written essay. Once you have completed your research, you can choose to present it in the form of a presentation, exhibition, article or some other format, in consultation with your supervisor.

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**REMEMBER**

Talk to a range of potential supervisors about their areas of research interest and industry experience before choosing one. This will help you choose a supervisor who matches your topic and will be able to provide you with the best support as you complete your Honours study.

See page 9 for tips on selecting a supervisor.

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**BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (JUSTICE STUDIES) (HONOURS)**

Enhance your career prospects in justice occupations or enable your advancement to higher level study in justice studies or criminology with CSU’s Bachelor of Social Science (Justice Studies) (Honours).

**Enrolment information**
- Campus: Bathurst
- Course duration: 1 year FT, 2 years PT
- On campus: ✔️ Distance education: ✔️

**International students**
- CRICOS Code: 036158C
- On campus: ✔️ Distance education: ✔️

**About the course**
This course will give you a head start in your career and prepare you for higher level study in justice studies and criminology, such as a Master or PhD.

Graduates of this course will:
- have knowledge of advanced criminology theory. Students will examine the committal of crime and processing of identified criminals, in social, political and historical contexts
- have enhanced methodological skills and understand the ethical, political and social issues associated with the undertaking of research on crime and the criminal justice system in modern industrial societies such as Australia
- understand issues of policy and program development for criminal justice organisations and have completed fieldwork in a criminal justice agency
- have completed a research dissertation under the supervision of a university staff member.

Applicants must have achieved a Credit average or better in Justice Studies or Criminology subjects in their undergraduate degree.

**Further information:**
www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/justice_honours

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**BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (PSYCHOLOGY) (HONOURS)**

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity for advanced study in psychology, and an avenue to postgraduate training. Graduates can also seek professional accreditation.

**Enrolment information**
- Campus: Bathurst
- Course duration: 1 year FT, 2 years PT
- On campus: ✔️ Distance education: ✔️

**International students**
- CRICOS Code: N/A
- On campus: ✔️ Distance education: ✔️

**About the course**
CSU’s Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) (Honours) is accredited as a fourth-year psychology course by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council.

This course is available to applicants who have been awarded, or who are eligible to graduate with, an Australian Psychological Society (APS) accredited undergraduate degree in the previous five years.

Applicants must also have achieved a Grade Point Average of 5.5 or better in APS major level 2 and 3 subjects and successfully completed PSY301 Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology or equivalent in their undergraduate degree.

Students who have what is deemed to be the equivalent of these three requirements from another institution may also be admitted into this course.

This course is available by distance education only and students are required to attend residential schools on Bathurst Campus each session and between sessions.

Students will be notified of precise residential school dates once they have been accepted to the course, but applicants should note that the first residential school is in early February.

**Further information:**
www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/psychology_honours

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**BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (HONOURS)**

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity for advanced study in theology and an avenue to postgraduate research study.

**Enrolment information**
- Campus: Bathurst
- Course duration: 1 year FT, 2 years PT
- On campus: ✔️ Distance education: ✔️

**International students**
- CRICOS Code: 029248D (Parr) 073635E (Can)
- On campus: ✔️ Distance education: ✔️

**About the course**
Graduates of this course will be able to:
- articulate a broad understanding of the scope and disciplines of theological study
- show advanced competence in methods of theological research
- demonstrate advanced competence in one of the following specialist theological fields:
  - Biblical Studies
  - Church History
  - Systematic Theology

This course is available to applicants who have been awarded, or who are eligible to graduate with CSU’s Bachelor of Theology, or who have completed a comparable degree at another institution.

Applicants must have achieved a minimum of a Credit average in their theology/divinity subjects. Places in the course are offered on the basis of academic merit.

Acceptance into the program will be subject to the approval of the Course Coordinator and is at the discretion of the Head of the School of Theology.

**Further information:**
www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/theology_honours
Useful websites

**CSU ESSENTIAL**
- Commonwealth and Equity Scholarships [www.csu.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.csu.edu.au/scholarships)
- CSU home [www.csu.edu.au](http://www.csu.edu.au)
- CSU Interact [interact.csu.edu.au](http://interact.csu.edu.au)
- International [www.csu.edu.au/international](http://www.csu.edu.au/international)
- Scholarships [www.csu.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.csu.edu.au/scholarships)

**CAMPUS CITIES**
- Goulburn [www.goulburn.com](http://www.goulburn.com)

**OTHER**
- Allowances (ABSTUDY/AUSTUDY/Youth Allowance) [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au)

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