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Semester 1 2026 Orientation

Welcome Bachelor Advanced Humanities (Honours) and Bachelor of Humanities/Laws (Honours) Students

With Professor Alastair Blanshard

Wednesday 18 February 2026, 10 -11 am

Acknowledgment of Country

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.



Professor Alastair Blanshard

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Program Director of the Advanced Humanities degree, and
Coordinator of Western Civilisation extended major.

Greek Historian with an interest in the impact of antiquity on the
modern world

Research Interests:

- Hercules
- Gender and Sexuality
- Representation of Greece and Rome on film
- Exploration of Greece in the 18th century





What's happening today?

1. Welcome
2. Understanding your program structure
3. Preparing for your courses
4. Enrichment Activities
5. Settling into university life



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1. Welcome



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2. Understanding your program structure

Program Structure in Advanced Humanities (Honours)

- Interdisciplinary Core Courses
- Specialism in a study area (major or extended major)
- Elective choice
- Honours Field of Study

Years 1 - 3	Core Courses	10 units (5 courses) HUMN1100, HUMN1201, HUMN2200, HUMN3100, HUMN3300		
	Courses for Major/Extended Major	One Major: 16 units (8 courses) from that major PLUS 8 units (4 courses) of program electives from other majors in the program	One Extended Major: 24 units (12 courses)	Two Majors: 16 units from each major – total 32 units (8 courses for each major – 16 courses in total)
	General Electives	14 units (7 courses)	14 units (7 courses)	6 units (3 courses)
Year 4	Honours Field of Study	16 units in the same discipline as your Major	16 units in the same discipline as your Extended Major	16 units in the same discipline as <u>one</u> of your Majors

To Note (Advanced Humanities students only):

- You can only complete **24 units (12 courses) at level 1**.

Be careful with the number of level 1 program electives and general electives you take.

- **General Electives** can comprise courses from any other undergraduate program at UQ providing those courses are not restricted or have firm pre-requisite requirements.

Other Advanced Humanities or Bachelor of Arts courses are usually good complements.

- You do not need to **declare your major/extended major** now.

You can declare or change your major/extended major, through mySI-net.

mySI-net refers to majors/extended majors as 'plans'.

- **Progressing into research honours** in year 4 is dependent on achieving a minimum GPA of 5.5 across all courses that contribute to the Major or Extended Major for which you will be taking honours.

Program Structure in Humanities/Laws (Honours)

- Interdisciplinary Humanities Core Courses
- Extended major in Western Civilisation (called a 'Plan' in mySI-net)
- Courses for the LLB(Hons)

Humanities	Core Courses	8 units (4 courses) HUMN1100, HUMN1201, HUMN2200, HUMN3100
	Plan Courses	Extended Major in Western Civilisation 24 units (12 courses)
Laws (Honours)	Core Courses	36 units as listed in the LLB(Hons) program
	Flexible Core Courses	12 units as listed in the LLB(Hons) program

Honours will be awarded in Law only. Honours is not available in the BHum.

Majors and Extended Majors Available

Advanced Humanities (Honours)

	Major	Extended Major
Ancient History	✓	✓
Art History	✓	✓
Drama	✓	-
English Literature	✓	✓
History	✓	✓
Music	✓	-
Philosophy	✓	✓
Religious Studies	✓	-
Western Civilisation*	-	✓

Humanities / Laws (Honours)

	Extended Major
Western Civilisation	✓

* Entry into the **Western Civilisation** extended major is via QTAC application only. Advanced Humanities students cannot change into this plan via mySI-net.

Philosophy:
If you wish to complete Honours in Philosophy, you will need to take PHIL2110 in your Major/Extended Major

What Your First Semester Should Look Like:

Advanced Humanities (Honours)

Course Code & Name	Units
HUMN1100 Interdisciplinary Thinking	2
Level 1 Compulsory Course for Major or Extended Major *	2
General Elective ^	2
General Elective	2

* If you do not know which Major/Extended Major you wish to take now, this Level 1 course can count as a program or general elective course should it not contribute to the plan you complete in your degree.

^ Variations:

- If taking two majors, this can be another level 1 compulsory course for the other major.
- This could be a Program Elective Course if taking only one major.

Example Student:

Georgia thinks she wants to major in Ancient History, but also would like to pursue a foreign language. She also thinks that she might like to major in Philosophy either in addition to or instead of Ancient History.

Course Code & Name	Units
HUMN1100 Interdisciplinary Thinking	2
ANCH1240 The Rise of Ancient Greece: Greek History to the 4th Century BC	2
FREN1010 Introductory French 1	2
PHIL1002 Introduction to Philosophy: What is Philosophy	2

What Your First Semester Should Look Like:

Humanities / Laws (Honours)

Course Code & Name	Units
HUMN1100 Interdisciplinary Thinking	2
WCIV1000 The Classical World	2
LAWS1700 Foundations of Law	2
LAWS1701 Law of Contract I: Principles of Contractual Agreement	2

Interested in a Language?

Diploma in Languages

- An additional qualification.
- 16 units (8 courses) comprising -
 - 1 Major, or
 - 2 Minors.
- Taken concurrently with the BAdvHum(Hons) or BHum/LLB(Hons).
- By 'overloading' (enrolling in 5 course rather than 4) each semester, both programs may be completed with no additional time.

General Electives (BAdvHum(Hons) only)

Your general electives may comprise Language courses.



Languages available:

- Ancient Greek
- Chinese
- Chinese Translation and Interpreting
- French
- French Advanced
- German
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Japanese Advanced
- Korean
- Latin
- Russian
- Spanish



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3. Preparing for your courses

Important dates

Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February

Orientation Week for Semester 1, 2026

Monday 23 February

First day of classes for Semester 1, 2026

Sunday 8 March

Last date for addition of courses or alteration of enrolment

Tuesday 31 March

Census Date

Last date to **drop** Semester 1, 2026 courses or cancel enrolment without **financial** liability

Tuesday 30 April

Last date to **drop** a course for Semester 1, 2026 or cancel enrolment without **academic** penalty

Important terms



Your University
Central
Faculty
School



Your Degree
Program
Plan
– Major
– Extended Major



Your Courses
Course
– Compulsory
– Elective
Unit
ECP
Blackboard

Course enrolment & tutorial sign-on

- Log into [Starting at UQ](#).
- Go to mySI-net to enrol in courses.
- Once you are enrolled in a course, you should be able to see if tutorial sign-on is required. If not, this will be covered in your first lecture.
- If you have a problem with sign-on, email your school admin team.

Textbooks

Wait until Week 1 to work out what textbooks you should get

- **Buy:** [The School Locker](#) or [Second-hand Texts & Stationary](#)
- **Print:** [UQ Print](#)
- **Borrow:** [UQ Library](#)



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4. Enrichment Activities

Global Experience

BAdvHum(Hons)

- A semester has been set aside in your Study Planner for an **overseas exchange**
- You need to plan for this now as applications are due **31 October 2026**
- **General Electives** only are possible for exchange study

A Global Experience may also be:

Summer Exchange

Application for Short-term Study in UQ's Summer break:

- Open: 15 July (for Summer of the same year)
- Close: 24 September (for Summer of the same year)

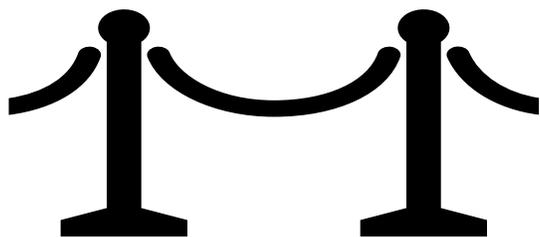
- Volunteer opportunity
- Internships

Winter Exchange

Application for Short-term Study in UQ's Winter break:

- Open: 28 November (for Winter of the following year)
- Close: 14 April (for Winter of the same year)

Extra-Curricular Activities



Gallery Tours



Round-table discussions





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5. Settling into university life

Find study space at UQ

- [Use a 24/7 study space](#)
- [Book a study room](#)
- [Know what's available in the library](#)

Join a student club

- [200+ UQ Union clubs and societies](#)
- Cultural, hobby/special interest, international, performance, religious, social justice, political, faculty and much more

UQ Advanced Humanities Society

- Supporting students with cohort-building activities
- Designing events around HUMN course content

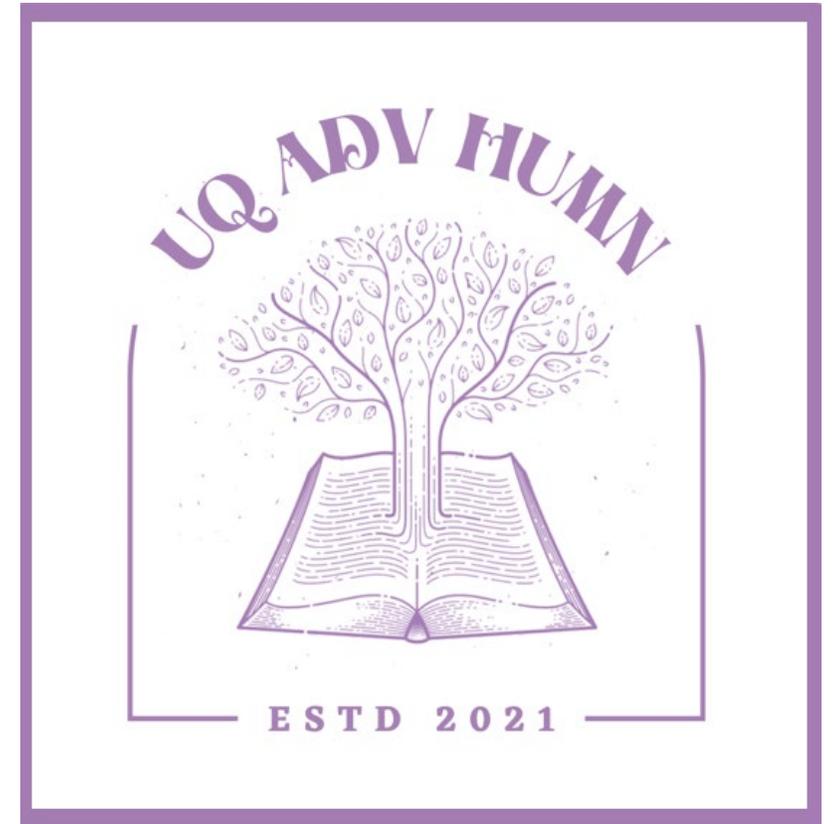
Upcoming Events

- Grand Hass Trivia
- Launch Party
- Coffee Catch-ups



Join here!

Membership: \$5.55



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Access support

HASS Student Administration Team

- Program requirements
- Academic progress
- Overseas study approval

School Student Administration Team

- Course questions
- Timetables
- Assessment

HASS Student Futures Team

- Volunteer opportunities
- Career mentoring
- Community events

UQ Student Central

- Student administration
- Student counselling
- Accessibility and welfare
- Careers and employability

UQ Library

- Course Reading Lists
- Referencing Guides
- Find and Borrow Study Resources
- Book a Study/Practise Space

Contact

hass.uq.edu.au/contact

Contact

hass.uq.edu.au/your-academic-resources

Contact

hass.uq.edu.au/enrich-your-study-experience

Contact

<https://my.uq.edu.au/contact/student-central>

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<https://web.library.uq.edu.au/about/contact-us>

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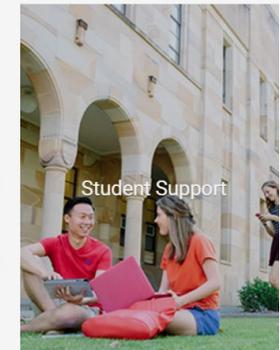
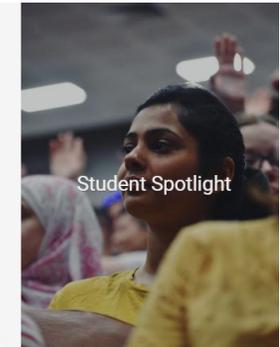
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