



# Cape Breton University

Department of Anthropology & Sociology

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## Honours in Anthropology & Honours in Sociology

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### What is an “Honours” program?

- more specialized
- higher standards

Honours is a Major, only bigger and better. The B.A. Major and the B.A. Honours at Cape Breton University both require 120 credits, including the B.A. core and all your specialty and elective courses. (That’s four years with a full course load, or the equivalent.)

The differences are these. First, Honours grade standards are higher (details below). Second, Honours is more specialized. In our most concentrated Major, only 35% of your credits have to be in your specialty subject (7 full courses, 42 credits), while in Honours it is 50% (10 full courses, 60 credits).

### Why choose the Honours program?

Take Honours if you have four qualities. *One*: you are committed to being a well-educated person. *Two*: you feel especially alive when studying this subject! *Three*: you have strong academic ability. *Four*: you are ready to work intensively.

- exercising your mind
- preparing for your future

Honours suits many career goals. It is not only for aspiring anthropologists or sociologists. But *if* your plans do include a Master’s program in one of those fields, Honours is typically a must.

### When do I enroll in Honours?

- plan ahead
- apply after 2 years

Plan early. Ideally, as soon as you finish your introductory (AN/S 110), start choosing courses to suit your long-range goals. Tell your profs and get their advice. Ask, ask, and ask again!

You don’t officially get into the program until halfway through your B.A. Finish your first two years (60 credits): then you will be eligible to apply for reclassification into B.A. Honours.

### How do I apply for admission to Honours?

As soon as you complete half your degree (60 credits - see above), consult the chair of the Dept of Anthro & Soc or your departmental faculty advisor. Together, review your courses and your marks.

At Student Services (Registrar’s), fill out a “program change” form. Student Services will send it to your dean’s office. Check with the dean’s office after a couple of weeks to confirm that it has been done.

- consult faculty
- check your record
- fill out the form

## What marks do I need?

To be *accepted into* Honours: (a) 70 in each Anthro and/or Soc course\* taken in the *first* two years; and (b) a 65 average across all courses in all subjects in each of those years.

To *graduate* with Honours: (a) a 75 average in Anthro and/or Soc courses\* taken in the *final* two years; and (b) a 70 average across all courses in all subjects in those two years.

\* These standards refer to Anthro and/or Soc courses that you “offer as credits toward the Honours.” If you have some lower marks, you may still count those Anthro or Soc courses toward your degree (e.g., in the B.A. core or as electives), but not as part of the 60 credits in the Honours Anthropology or Sociology category.

- admission standards
- graduation standards

## Which courses do I take?

### Honours in ANTHROPOLOGY

category	credits	courses
intro	6	AN/S 110 (Introduction to Anthropology & Sociology)
methods	6	AN/S 266 or 268 (Qualitative or Quantitative Methods). You are encouraged to take both. Qualitative (266) is typically the top priority for anthropologists.
theory	6	ANTH 302: Survey of Anthropological Theory
subfields	12	12 credits in an anthro subfield <i>other than</i> general sociocultural; for example: 3 ANTH 205: Biological Anthropology      6 AN/S 220: Humankind: Nature & Development 3 ANTH 207: Evolution of the Human Adaptation      6 ANTH 372: Applied Anthropology 6 ANTH 208: Linguistic Anthropology
thesis	6	400-level Honours thesis course (ANTH or AN/S 490)
400-level	6	At least 6 credits in ANTH and/or AN/S at the 400-level <i>besides</i> the thesis.
300-level or higher	12	At least 12 credits in ANTH and/or AN/S at the 300-level <i>besides</i> 302. These <i>may include</i> courses in the “subfields” category (see above). You <i>may</i> replace some of this “300-level” category with additional 400-level credits.
unspecified	6	6 credits in ANTH and/or AN/S electives at any level.

### Honours in SOCIOLOGY

category	credits	courses
intro	6	AN/S 110 (Introduction to Anthropology & Sociology)
methods	6	AN/S 266 or 268 (Qualitative or Quantitative Methods). You are encouraged to take both. For grad school in Soc typically you <i>must</i> have Quantitative (268).
theory	6	SOCO 306: Survey of Sociological Theory
thesis	6	400-level Honours thesis course (AN/S or SOCO 490)
400-level	6	At least 6 credits in AN/S and/or SOCO at the 400-level <i>besides</i> the thesis.
300-level or higher	12	At least 12 credits in AN/S and/or SOCO at the 300-level <i>besides</i> 306. You <i>may</i> replace some of this “300-level” category with additional 400-level credits.
unspecified	18	18 credits in AN/S and/or SOCO electives at any level.