

BA, International Honours

Curriculum Guide



We have developed this guide to assist students in planning their path through the BA Int Hons degree. It is a good idea to review this guide along with your major-specific guide prior to each advising meeting. For a complete list of regulations and policies, consult the W&M Catalog and St Andrews policy documents. While this guide summarizes the key points of the degree, students are expected to also consult and become familiar with all degree requirements and policies in the W&M catalog and St Andrews Policy documents. Links to these documents are found in the Resources section.

Resources

[DegreeWorks](#) – This site allows you to track your progress through your major and degree. Note that your advisor is also listed here. Requirements that have been met will have a green checkmark. Those in progress are marked blue. Contact your advisor if you have questions about what is marked or not marked as completed.

[W&M JP website](#) – “For Current Students” section has more detailed information about the curriculum and contact information for your advisor. Also contains information on resources available to JDP students while at W&M.

[St Andrews BA Int Hons website](#) – information about advising and resources available to BA Int Hons students while at St Andrews.

[W&M Catalog](#) and [St Andrews policy document](#) – explains all policies and regulations for the BA Int Hons degree including continuance standards, leave, and grading.

Sub-honours Years (1 & 2)

During sub-honours years, students should focus on passing all major-required classes/modules, passing a COLL 150 (the Lower Division Writing Requirement) at W&M, and meeting (nearly) all Proficiencies and Knowledge Objectives. Note that Proficiencies and some Knowledge Objectives can be met with pre-matriculation credit (AP, IB, etc). Items met with pre-matriculation credit will show as completed in DegreeWorks but note that no credit will be awarded. A single course (either pre-or post-matriculation) may fulfill only one Knowledge Objective requirement; a single course may fulfill one Knowledge Objective requirement and one Proficiency (Language, Math, COLL 150). A maximum of

one course may be counted towards Knowledge Objective requirements and major requirements.

In the spirit of the liberal arts, students are encouraged to take classes that interest them outside of their major. These classes may also enable exploration of possible minors. Completing the introductory courses for a minor during sub-honours is often required in order to meet minor requirements. The [W&M Joint Programme website has information on minors](#) including the business minor. Note that completing a minor can be difficult and requires advance planning.

In late January of the second year, students will decide where to spend the third year of the degree. To make this decision, we recommend that students consider what kind of research experience they wish to pursue during their fourth year: St Andrews dissertation or project, W&M Honors Thesis, or W&M independent study or capstone coursework (see details in the major guidelines section). Students are encouraged to speak with their major advisor, peer advisors and 3rd and 4th year students in the Programme to learn more. This is particularly important if a student wishes to complete a W&M Honors Thesis: each major has different processes, so early conversations are necessary to facilitate finding the right thesis advisor and meeting requirements in a timely manner.

Honours Years (3 & 4)

During honours years, students should focus on

- 1) passing all major-required courses/modules;
- 2) ensuring that all Proficiencies and Knowledge Objectives will be met prior to graduation;
- 3) passing sufficient 300(0) and 400(0) classes/modules; and
- 4) completing the research requirement/capstone.

Nearly all courses/modules taken during honours should be at the 300(0) or 400(0) level. When taking a normal load of 60 credits during honours years, no more than 7.5 credits can be at 100 and 200 level. Students who are completing minors should be especially careful of the credit count requirements. Consult the BA International honours checklist or the W&M catalog for the list of the credit requirements during honours years.

Students may participate in graduation ceremonies at both institutions. In addition, students will need to apply to graduate at both institutions, regardless of whether they will attend both ceremonies or attend only one. W&M Latin Honors will be determined based upon the student's GPA calculated across *all four years*. St Andrews Degree Classification will be determined based upon the GPA of all 300(0) and 400(0) level courses taken *during honours years*. See the St Andrews policy documents for a description of how Degree Classifications are calculated.