



## Honours in Geography at Rhodes University

All Programmes

**Degrees:** BSc (Hons), BA (Hons) and BSocSci (Hons)  
**Programmes:** Geography and Environmental Water Management.  
**Structure:** Four theory courses, a research project proposal, a research project, and two seminars.  
**Requirements:** An appropriate Bachelor's Degree with a final year average of 65%  
**Orientation:** The orientation programme takes place at the beginning of (or prior to) each academic year and includes a field trip.  
**Field Trips:** Compulsory for certain modules.  
**Conference:** Students are expected to attend and present a paper at the annual Geography Students Conference.  
**Courses:** Courses are offered by Departmental staff, Visiting Professors, Visiting Lecturers and Research Associates. These courses reflect the interests of the presenters and may be subject to timetable and staffing constraints. Other appropriate modules may be taken, if approved by the HoD. Entry into any module depends on the provision of evidence of appropriate prior knowledge to the HoD.

Geography

### Geography

**Compulsory:** Research Philosophy & Methodology  
**Project:** Topic must be Geographical  
**Electives:** Select three (3) from: Extended Geographical Information Systems, Earth Observations in a Changing World, GIS Internship (*Only 3 places available*), The Origin and Dynamics of Wetlands in Southern Africa, Environmental Change and Extreme Events, Small Town Geographies, Political Ecology, or appropriate modules approved by the Head of Department.



Environmental Water Management

### Environmental Water Management

Honours in Environmental Water Management is offered through the Institute for Water Research.

**Compulsory:** Research Philosophy & Methodology  
**Project:** Topic must be "Water" related.  
**Electives:** Select three (3) from: Hydrology, Fresh Water Ecology, The Origin and Dynamics of Wetlands in Southern Africa, Environmental Water Quality, Extended Geographical Information Systems, or other appropriate and approved courses.

Interdisciplinary

Part of a Geography Honours degree may be taken with approved courses from other departments. Where approximately 50% of a student's courses are examined in another department, a joint degree is awarded (e.g. Honours in Geography/Environmental Science). A combined degree must be approved by the respective HoDs, and in the Faculty of Humanities, by the Humanities Higher Degree Committee. Where the majority of the student's marks are from Geography, or if the research project is supervised by a Geography staff member, students are required to take the Frontiers in Geographical Thought course. The Geography Department also offers courses as components of various interdisciplinary Honours programmes including Development Studies and Industrial Society. Students should consult the HoD concerning available courses.

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