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## 5.12 BACHELOR DEGREES WITH HONOURS

### Policy

1. The University offers programs which lead to the award of Bachelor degree with honours. These programs generally increase the scope and depth of the material in pass degrees and generally prepare students for postgraduate level studies, whether of a research or coursework nature.
2. Honours programs may be included within the framework of four-year full-time equivalent degrees or be constituted as a separate program following a three-year full-time equivalent degree.

### Regulations

#### 1 Program Structure

- 1.1 An honours program is either incorporated into a four-year undergraduate degree program, or constitutes a separate program equivalent to one year of full-time study following a three-year undergraduate degree program.
- 1.2 A separate honours program typically contains coursework, research training, and a research project or projects. The research project(s) must constitute at least two units of study.

#### 2 Admission

- 2.1 For admission as candidates to a separate honours program, students must:
  - 2.1.1 have completed at least three years of a degree program; and
  - 2.1.2 be a current undergraduate student or have completed the related pass undergraduate program not more than three years previously; and
  - 2.1.3 have shown meritorious performance in the relevant pass undergraduate program, normally having achieved a GPA of at least 5.0.
- 2.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of 2.1, the Dean may admit other candidates as candidates for honours if there is evidence, through qualifications or experience that they are suitable. Such admission may be conditional on the accomplishment of additional prescribed work.

#### 3 Requirements for Completion

- 3.1 An honours program may be studied full-time or, where Faculty regulations permit, part-time.
- 3.2 For a one-year equivalent program, all requirements for the program must normally be completed in a period of between one year and two years, with one year being the norm for full-time candidates.
- 3.3 For a four-year program, that is, where the honours component is incorporated with the pass requirements, the (minimum and) maximum periods of enrolment for full-time and part-time status are as specified in the regulations for the undergraduate degree.

#### 4 Honours Dissertation

Honours dissertations should be more concise documents than masters or doctoral dissertations. The technical requirements for the binding of research higher degree dissertations shall apply to an honours dissertation.

It is expected that dissertations submitted for examination towards honours degrees and higher degrees will be of a standard comparable in the following respects:

- 4.1 A standard of English expression appropriate to the degree being sought, is expected in the writing of honours dissertations;
- 4.2 Honours dissertations should be prepared in the same format as research higher degree dissertations; ie where applicable, there should be full biographical citations, and a distinction should be made between the main body of the report and supplementary documentation;
- 4.3 Where amendments are required to be made as a condition for the award of the degree, it is the supervisor's responsibility for ensuring that they have been effected.

The disposition of honours dissertations which have been examined and passed shall be at the discretion of the Faculty or other element of the University where the work was submitted.

## 5 Levels of Award

Honours degrees may be awarded in the following defined classes:

Class	Abbreviation	Level of Performance
First Class Honours	Hons I	Achievement of all objectives of the program at an extremely high level.
Second Class Honours, Division A	Hons IIA	Achievement of all objectives of the program at a very high level.
Second Class Honours, Division B	Hons IIB	Satisfactory achievement of all objectives of the program, including some at a high level.
Third Class Honours <sup>1</sup>	Hons III	Satisfactory achievement of all objectives of the programs.

- 5.2 Candidates who do not successfully complete all components of an honours program are ineligible for the award of an honours degree.
- 5.3 Candidates awarded an honours degree are not eligible for awards 'with Distinction' for the same program.

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<sup>1</sup> Third Class Honours is not available as a level of award for four-year programs (i.e. where the honours component is integrated with the pass degree component).