

Class of Honours Standard Schedule



1 Purpose

To provide a standard approach to the grading of honours throughout the University, both through embedded honours, and the additional year honours programs.

2 Scope

This schedule must be read in conjunction with the Assessment Procedure and is subordinate to it.

3 Schedule

For all honours programs, the class of honours awarded will be determined on the basis of both:

- the grade achieved in the honours project; and
- either:
 - Schedule A where the Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated over the eight credit point honours component (where applicable);
- *or*:
 - Schedule B where the GPA is calculated over all courses in the program.

The University standard honours assessment framework is outlined below. All GPA ranges reflect the range after straight rounding, i.e. the cut-offs shall be calculated by straight rounding, e.g. 6.48 would round to 6.5 and 6.44 would round to 6.4.

Class of honours	Descriptor	Performance in honours project component	Schedule A: Grade Point Average * is calculated over eight units in the honours component	Schedule B: Grade Point Average * is calculated over the 32 units in the program #

First Class Honours (1)	Consistent evidence of a comprehensive high level of understanding of theory and practice; demonstration of an extremely high level of interpretive and analytical ability and intellectual initiative; substantial originality and insight in identifying, creating and developing arguments, perspectives and critical evaluation of problems; and high level of communication and application appropriate to the discipline.	Minimum A	6.5-7.0	Minimum 6.0
Second Class Honours (2A)	Consistent evidence of high level of understanding of theory and practice; demonstration of a high level of interpretive and analytical ability; evidence of creative insight and ability to apply relevant skills and theories as well as interpretive and analytical ability; and demonstration of appropriate and highly effective communication appropriate to the discipline.	Minimum A	5.8-6.4	Minimum 5.5
Second Class Honours (2B)	Evidence of a good level of understanding of theory and practice; development of relevant skills to a sound level; evidence of an appropriate ability to apply relevant skills and theories; well-developed interpretive and analytical ability; sound communication of information and concepts in terms of disciplinary requirements or conventions.	Minimum B	5.2-5.7	Minimum 5.0
Third Class Honours (3)	Evidence of a satisfactory level of understanding of theory and practice; development of relevant skills to a satisfactory level; evidence of an appropriate ability to apply relevant skills and theories; adequate interpretive and analytical ability; satisfactory communication of information and concepts in terms of disciplinary requirements or conventions.	Minimum C	3.0-5.1	Minimum 3.0

* Only graded courses within the program are included in GPA calculations, Exemptions/Credit are not included.

Where a Combined Degree has an honours degree component, the class of honours only applies to that component.

4 References

Nil.

5 Schedule Information

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Relevant Legislation	
Related Policies	
Related Procedures	Assessment Procedure
Related forms, publications and websites	
Definitions	<p>Terms defined in the Definitions Dictionary</p> <p>Combined Degree</p> <p>A program combining two undergraduate degrees, enabling Students to graduate with a degree in two study areas. Students receive one combined degree and one testamur.</p> <p>Credit</p> <p>Credit may be granted towards Courses in an Award Program based on recognition of prior studies. Credit may count towards a Student's Grade Point Average.</p>

	<p>Exemption</p> <p>The waiving of the requirement to complete one or more Course(s) in an Award Program through Credit of a Unit. Exemptions do not count towards the Grade Point Average of an Award Program.</p> <p>Grade Point Average (GPA)</p> <p>A GPA is the sum, for all relevant Courses, of the Unit value for each Course, multiplied by the numerical value of the Grades achieved in those Courses, divided by the sum of the Unit values for all the relevant Courses.</p>
	<p>Definitions that relate to this schedule only</p>
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