

A-18 Honours Policy

1. Overview Purpose and Scope

This policy outlines eligibility requirements for the award of honours to teach-out students in the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning. This policy applies to students enrolled in the Bachelor of Urban Planning and Design, Bachelor of Property and Construction and the Bachelor of Architecture.

2. Policy

Additional (fourth) honours years are not available in any Architecture, Building and Planning teach-out degrees. However, eligible students may be awarded honours in the Bachelor of Architecture, Bachelor of Property and Construction and Bachelor of Urban Planning and Design. At the end of each semester the Associate Dean (Undergraduate) will determine in consultation with Program Coordinators whether students completing one of these degrees have qualified for the award of honours, and which class of honours they should be awarded.

Classes of honours are first class (H1), second class division A (H2A) and second class division B (H2B). Students who have completed the requirements of the honours course but do not achieve results of H2B standard or higher are awarded a pass degree only. Medical, personal or other circumstances detracting from a student's academic performance can be taken into account when determining which class of honours they should be awarded. Students must complete the requirements of the honours degree in order to be considered for the award of honours.

2.1 Bachelor of Urban Planning and Design.

Students must complete the requirements of the pass degree, as well as 705-461 BUPD Research Project One and 705-462 BUPD Research Project Two (or equivalent), in place of two 12.5 point elective subjects in their final year. Students must have a weighted average of at least 70% across their second and third year of study in order to be eligible to enrol in 705-461 BUPD Research Project One and 705-462 BUPD Research Project Two (or equivalent) in their fourth year. The award and class of honours will be based on the student's weighted average across all subjects taken in the final two semesters of study.

2.2 Bachelor of Property and Construction

Students must complete the requirements of the pass degree, as well as the semester subjects 705-444 Research Methods (Honours) (12.5 points) (or equivalent) and 705-455 Research Project A (Honours) (12.5 points) (or equivalent) in place of two 12.5 point elective subjects in their final year. Students must have a weighted average of at least 70% across their final year of study in the Bachelor of Planning and Design (Property and Construction) in order to be eligible to enrol in Research Methods and Research Project A in the Bachelor of Property and Construction. The award and class of honours will be based on the student's weighted average across all subjects taken in the final two semesters of study.

2.3 Bachelor of Architecture

Students must complete the requirements of the pass degree, including 705-503 Architectural Design 5A, 702-540 Architectural Design 5B and a design elective subject. They will be considered for the award of honours based on their weighted average across all subjects taken in the two-year course, with the final two semesters of study given twice the weight of the first two semesters. Students must normally take 100 points across the final two semesters of their studies in order to be considered for the award of honours, although students who have taken at least 75 points will be considered. Where students have taken less than 100 points in the final two semesters of their studies, the Associate Dean (Undergraduate) in consultation with the Program Coordinator will select which subjects (totalling 100 points) to count towards the award of honours, drawing from subjects taken in the penultimate year of study as appropriate.

Where students have taken more than 100 points in the final two semesters of their studies, the Associate Dean (Undergraduate), in consultation with the Program Coordinator will select which subjects (totalling at least 100 points) to count towards the award of honours, excluding some subjects where appropriate.

2.4 Combined courses

Students enrolled in combined courses are not eligible for the award of honours in either degree component, with the exception of Bachelor of Architecture / Bachelor of Property and Construction students, who may be considered for the award of honours in either the Bachelor of Architecture or the Bachelor of Property and Construction (not both). The award and class of honours will be based on the student's weighted average across all subjects taken for the relevant degree component in the combined course.

Masters degrees cannot be awarded with honours.

3. Tools

This policy should be read in conjunction with A-05 Weighted Averages Policy.

4. Responsibilities

- **Associate Dean (Undergraduate)** - determines in consultation with course coordinators which students qualify for the award of honours, and which class of honours they should be awarded.
- **Program Coordinators** - determines in consultation with the Associate Dean (Undergraduate) which students qualify for the award of honours, and which class of honours they should be awarded
- **Manager, MSD Programs** – monitors administration of honours scheme and advises the Associate Dean (Undergraduate) and Program Coordinators on the award of honours.
- **Students** - complete the requirements of the honours degree in order to be considered for the award of honours.