



## Honours in the Faculty of Science

### INFORMATION

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Honours in the Faculty of Science is a year of optional research training available to students that have recently completed an undergraduate degree (pass degree), or is a compulsory component of some four-year professional undergraduate award courses (Bachelor of Science (Nutrition), Bachelor of Psychology).

Honours typically involves a supervised but independent research project that results in the production of a research thesis, additional courses in experimental design or technical training, and some coursework study.

Honours research projects are undertaken in one Honours area. An Honours area is the general field of study in which you will conduct your Honours project, not the title of your Honours project, and will be included on your transcript and testamur when you graduate. Some Honours areas are only available within particular Honours degrees, and several Honours areas may be offered by the same School, Discipline or Unit within the Faculty of Science (see Honours areas).

Honours is normally one year of full-time study, but is also available part-time in some Schools, Disciplines or Units within the Faculty. For specific details on availability, students are advised to contact the School, Discipline or Unit in which they would like to undertake an Honours project.

Students may not re-attempt an Honours award course in a single Honours area.

Australian citizens and Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders are offered a Commonwealth Supported Place for the Honours year and are eligible to apply for HECS-Help for the Honours year.

International students are required to pay an additional year of fees for the Honours year.

Applicants with a pass degree from another tertiary institution can only apply for admission into the Bachelor of Science (Honours).

#### 2. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements for Honours differ between Honours courses:

##### **Honours in the BSc (including all streams and combined degrees), BMedSc, and BST**

To qualify to enrol in an honours course, students shall:

1. (a) have qualified for the award of a pass degree; or  
(b) be a pass graduate of the Faculty of Science; or  
(c) be a pass graduate holding a Bachelor of Science degree or an equivalent qualification from another institution.
2. have completed a minimum of 24 credit points of Senior units of study relating to the intended Honours course (or equivalent at another institution);
3. have achieved either:
  - (a) a credit average (65) in 48 credit points of relevant Intermediate and Senior Science units of study; or
  - (b) a SciWAM of at least 65;
4. satisfy any additional criteria set by the Head of School, Discipline or Unit concerned.

*In some Schools, Disciplines and Units the SciWAM requirement is much higher for consideration for entry into Honours, particularly when entry is very competitive and there are limited places available. For example, a minimum of a distinction average (75) is generally required to study in the School of Psychology.*

##### **Honours in the BPsych**

To qualify to enrol in the Honours award course, students shall have completed 144 credit points as specified in Resolution 5(1) of the Bachelor of Psychology including completion of all Intermediate and Senior units of study in Psychology with an average grade of Distinction (75) or better.

#### 3. WHEN TO APPLY?

Application deadlines for each academic semester are advertised on the Faculty of Science website. Application deadlines are strictly enforced to enable timely processing and ensure that offers for admission into Honours are finalised by semester enrolment dates.

*Applications received after the due date for each semester will not be processed.*

## 4. APPLICATION

### ALL APPLICANTS

An Honours application must be submitted and approved before students can enrol. All students will be advised of the outcome of their application by letter to the correspondence address provided on their application.

#### Complete an Honours application form

You are encouraged to use the interactive features of the electronic application form to provide all required information. Please indicate at least one Honours area and the School, Discipline or Unit in which you intend to undertake your project.

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#### School/Discipline/Unit approval to lodge an application

To be considered for Honours, you must have your form signed by the School/Discipline/Unit for each Honours area you have nominated or attach email correspondence for the relevant School/Discipline/Unit.

*Willingness of a member of academic staff to act as your supervisor does not guarantee an offer for Honours.*

### APPLICANTS WITH A PASS DEGREE FROM ANOTHER INSTITUTION

#### Provide documentary evidence of prior tertiary study

Your application will not be considered without your academic history. Please attach complete, officially certified academic transcripts for all tertiary-level studies undertaken. Original academic transcripts will be retained by the University of Sydney unless specifically requested.

#### Provide documentary evidence of residency status

You cannot be enrolled if you do not provide evidence of your date of birth and citizenship. Please attach a copy of your birth certificate or passport, and permanent residency/student visa where applicable. The originals of these documents must be presented on the day that you enrol so that they can be verified.

#### Provide evidence that you approached a potential supervisor to arrange an Honours project

Your application will not be considered if you have not sought a project and supervisor at your proposed School, Discipline or Unit. Please attach a copy of correspondence with your potential supervisor indicating their willingness to act as your supervisor if you are offered an Honours place.

*Willingness of a member of academic staff to act as your supervisor does not guarantee an offer for Honours.*

### INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

*International students must also complete and lodge an application to study Honours at the International Office.*

The application form can be downloaded from the International Office website:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/internationaloffice>

## 5. ENROLMENT

### Enrol in person on the date specified in the offer letter approving your enrolment in Honours

Further details are available by contacting the Faculty of Science Information office or on the Faculty of Science website:

[www.science.usyd.edu.au](http://www.science.usyd.edu.au)

### Pay fees on the day that you enrol

Commonwealth-supported students that elect to make a full up-front payment of their student contribution and full-fee paying students must pay on the day that they enrol. Payment can be made by cheque, money order, credit card, or EFTPOS.

*International students must pay their fees according to instructions provided by the International Office when they are made an offer to study Honours.*

### Obtain your University of Sydney student card

Once you have paid any fees levied by the University you will be able to obtain a student card. You will need to provide a passport-sized photograph of yourself on the day that you enrol for the card to be produced.

## 6. APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms are available as interactive online forms from the Faculty of Science website: <http://www.science.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/forms.shtml>

A hard copy can be obtained from the Faculty of Science Student Information Office.

## PRIVACY STATEMENT

The University of Sydney complies with Australian and New South Wales privacy laws and guidelines. Information collected is treated as confidential and is used for administrative or educational purposes, and to maintain contact with students during and after completion of studies at the University of Sydney. To comply with legal and administrative obligations personal information is supplied to government agencies. Personal information will not be disclosed unless you agree or the law requires disclosure. Personal information may be used to prepare statistical information which is then distributed in a form that does not identify the individual.

## FACULTY OF SCIENCE CONTACT DETAILS

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### HONOURS AREAS

#### AVAILABILITY IN EACH AWARD COURSE AND SCHOOL/UNIT

An Honours area is the general field of study in which you will conduct your Honours project and will be included on your transcript and testamur when you graduate. Some Honours areas are only available within particular Honours award courses, outlined below.

Honours area	School/Discipline/Unit	Honours award courses
Agricultural Chemistry	Faculty of Agriculture	BSc, BSc (Environmental), BST
Anatomy and Histology	Discipline of Anatomy & Histology	BSc, BMedSc, BST
Biochemistry*	School of Molecular & Microbial Biosciences	BSc, BSc (Bioinformatics), BSc (Environmental), BSc (Molecular Biology & Genetics), BSc (Molecular Biotechnology), BMedSc, BST
Biology*	School of Biological Sciences	BSc, BSc (Bioinformatics), BSc (Environmental), BSc (Marine Science), BSc (Molecular Biology & Genetics), BSc (Molecular Biotechnology), BMedSc, BST
Cell Pathology	Discipline of Pathology	BSc, BMedSc, BST
Chemistry*	School of Chemistry	BSc, BSc (Bioinformatics), BSc (Environmental), BSc (Molecular Biology & Genetics), BSc (Molecular Biotechnology), BST
Computational Science*	School of Physics	BSc, BSc (Bioinformatics), BSc (Molecular Biotechnology), BST
Computer Science*	School of Information Technology	BSc, BSc (Bioinformatics), BSc (Molecular Biotechnology), BST
Environmental Studies	School of Geosciences	BSc, BSc (Environmental), BST
Geography*	School of Geosciences	BSc, BSc (Environmental), BST
Geology*	School of Geosciences	BSc, BSc (Environmental), BSc (Marine Science), BST
Geophysics*	School of Geosciences	BSc, BSc (Environmental), BSc (Marine Science), BST
History & Philosophy of Science	Unit for History & Philosophy of Science	BSc, BSc (Environmental), BST
Immunology	Discipline of Infectious Diseases & Immunology	BSc, BSc (Molecular Biotechnology), BMedSc, BST
Infectious Diseases	Discipline of Infectious Diseases & Immunology	BSc, BMedSc
Information Systems*	School of Information Technology	BSc, BSc (Bioinformatics), BSc (Molecular Biotechnology), BST
Applied Mathematics*	School of Mathematics & Statistics	BSc, BST
Pure Mathematics*	School of Mathematics & Statistics	BSc, BST
Microbiology*	School of Molecular & Microbial Biosciences	BSc, BSc (Bioinformatics), BSc (Environmental), BMedSc, BST
Nutrition/Nutrition & Dietetics	School of Molecular & Microbial Biosciences	BSc (Nutrition)
Pharmacology	Discipline of Pharmacology	BSc, BSc (Bioinformatics), BSc (Molecular Biotechnology), BMedSc, BST
Physiology	Discipline of Physiology	BSc, BMedSc, BST
Physics*	School of Physics	BSc, BSc (Environmental), BST
Psychology	School of Psychology	BSc, BPsych, BST
Plant Science*	School of Biological Sciences	BSc, BSc (Bioinformatics), BSc (Environmental), BSc (Molecular Biotechnology), BST
Soil Science	Faculty of Agriculture	BSc, BSc (Environmental), BST
Mathematical Statistics*	School of Mathematics & Statistics	BSc, BST

\* Also available in the BSc (Advanced).