



Purpose

1. This policy sets out the University's principles and commitments for the provision and management of all bachelor honour degree programs.
2. This policy is to be read in conjunction with AB-42 P1 Procedure: Bachelor Honours Degree Programs.

Scope

3. This policy applies to students undertaking bachelor honours degrees, supervisors, staff associated with the support and coordination of these degrees, and examiners of the assessment components.

Exclusions

4. There are no exclusions.

Responsibilities

5. Academic Board is the approving authority for this policy.
6. The Provost and Chief Academic Officer is responsible for organisation-wide adherence to the policy. Deans of Programs (or delegates) are responsible for ensuring effective management of bachelor honours degree programs in each Academic Unit.
7. All University students, staff and representatives are expected to comply with the provisions of the policy and its associated procedures and guidelines.

Policy Principles

8. The undergraduate awards of the University will include bachelor honours degree programs.
9. The University recognises the value of bachelor honours degree programs as a pathway to research and/or further learning in professional practice.
10. The University will ensure that bachelor honours degree programs meet the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) level 8 specifications to provide graduates with advanced knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed judgement, adaptability and responsibility as a practitioner or learner.
11. The University ensures students enrolled in bachelor honours degree programs have access to high quality supervision and resources to support degree completion.

Definitions

Honours degree (1 year) – these honours degrees are separate, stand-alone, one-year programs of advanced studies in research and professional practice for students who demonstrate a high level of achievement on completion of their pass degree program.

Honours degree (4 years) – these honours degrees are programs of four years duration that include one year of advanced studies in research and professional practices. Dependent upon discipline and/or accreditation requirements, some honours degrees have a greater advanced studies focus on research, and others have a greater focus on professional practice.

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- **Associated Documentation**
 - AB-42 P1 Procedure: Bachelor honours degree programs
 - AB-42 AD1 Appendix: Responsibilities: research in bachelor honours degrees
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