Honours Degrees

Macquarie University offers three kinds of Honours degrees: those which are a separate program following on from a corresponding Bachelor degree; those which are an integrated part of a Bachelor degree program (that is, Honours degrees of Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education), Bachelor of Arts with Diploma of Education and Bachelor of Psychology); and those which are awarded on the basis of outstanding merit (that is, Honours Degree of Bachelor of Laws).

The University offers the following Honours degrees which are separate one-year full-time or two-year part-time programs:

- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Applied Finance (BAppFin (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Arts (BA (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Commerce (BCom (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Commerce - Accounting (BCom - Accg (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Commerce – Actuarial Studies (BCom - ActStud (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Commerce – Marketing (BCom - Mktg(Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Computer Science (BCompSc (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Computing & Information Systems (BCompInfoSys) (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Creative Arts (BCA (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Economics (BEc (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education) (BEd (ECE) (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Environmental Science (BEnvSc (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Environmental Management (BEnvMgt (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Health (BHealth (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Marine Science (BMarSc (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Media (BMedia (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMedScs (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science (BSc (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science with Bachelor of Arts (BSc BA (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Social Science (BSocSc (Hons))
- Honours Degree of Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Sciences (BSpHearingSc (Hons))

Honours Degree of Bachelor of Technology (Information & Communication Systems (BInfoCommSys) (Hons))
Honours Degree of Bachelor of Technology (Optoelectronics) (BTech (Hons) (Optoelec))

The above Honours degrees are available in a wide range of subject areas. They are not normally available by distance education.

Eligibility for Admission to Candidature

To be eligible for admission to a place in one of the above degree programs an applicant must have:

- qualified for the award of the corresponding Bachelor degree;
- have completed satisfactorily a program of study prescribed by the Dean of the Division in which they desire to undertake the Honours program;
- attained in the units completed for the Bachelor degree a standard of achievement approved by the Dean of Division.

For Macquarie University graduates the following grade point average attainment is required:

- an overall grade point average of at least 2.5; and
- the 300 level grade point average determined by Academic Senate for the relevant discipline. In cases of interdisciplinary programs an applicant is required to meet the 300 level grade point average of both disciplines.

Academic Senate has approved the following minimum 300 level grade point average requirements for admission:

- Aboriginal Studies to be determined
- Accounting and Finance 3.0
- Actuarial Studies 3.25
- Anthropology 3.0
- Applied Finance 3.0
- Asian Languages 3.0
- Biological Sciences 2.5
- Business Administration 3.0
- Chemistry 2.5
- Computing 2.5
- Critical and Cultural Studies 3.0
- Early Childhood Education 3.0
- Earth Sciences 2.5
- Education 3.0
- Electronics 2.5
- English 3.0
- Environmental Science 2.5
- Geography (Human or Physical) 2.5
- Geology and Geophysics 2.5
- History (Ancient or Modern) 3.0
Linguistics 2.7  
Mathematics 2.5  
Media 3.0  
Medical Sciences 3.0  
(except Psychomedical 3.25)  
Music 2.5  
Philosophy 3.0  
Physics 2.5  
Politics 3.0  
Psychology 3.25  
Social Sciences according to the discipline selected  
Sociology 3.0  
Speech and Hearing Sciences 3.25  
Statistics 3.0  
Technology (see above degrees in relevant areas) 2.5 (except BTech (ICSys) 3.00)  
Women’s Studies 3.0

**Application for Admission**

Application forms and information may be obtained from the Undergraduate Studies Section. Applications should be lodged by 31 October for the following academic year and not later than the first week in June for mid-year admission. Mid-year admission is not possible in all subject areas. Academic Senate has determined that students should only be permitted to start a Bachelor Honours course at mid-year if it is possible for them to complete all the components of the program within the prescribed period of the candidature.

**Candidature for Honours Programs**

The formal commencement of candidature for the honours degree is the date set down in the Principal Dates as the date of commencement of the half-year. The formal conclusion of candidature is the date set down in the Principal Dates as that for the conclusion of the final half-year of candidature. Any change to the above periods of candidature, including any change from full-time to part-time candidature or vice versa, must be approved by the Dean of the Division in which the student is registered. Students wishing to change the period of candidature of an honours degree must make a formal request in writing with supporting documentary evidence to the Undergraduate Studies Section of the Registrar’s Office. Candidates are encouraged to make effective use of the preceding vacation period for preliminary reading and, where practicable, in laboratory or fieldwork.

Each student will be sent a statement by his or her Division of registration outlining the program to be completed, the dates for submission of work required and the basis on which assessment is to be made.

The class of honours awarded will be shown against a description of the field of study in which the program was completed.

The Honours Degree of Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education)

Admission to this degree is at the end of a student’s second year of full-time study (or part-time equivalent). Entry is based on the performance in the first two years of the degree. A grade point average of 2.75 is required for admission into the preliminary Honours year (third year of study). A grade point average of 3.0 is required to enter the fourth and final year of the Honours program. To be eligible for the award students must meet the provisions of the BEd(ECE) as set out in the Handbook. Prospective Honours students should consult the Honours Convener in the Institute of Early Childhood.

The Honours Degree of Bachelor of Psychology

The Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) degree is a four-year degree. Admission to the degree is possible either by selection within the number of new students through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or at the end of a student’s third year of full-time study (or part-time equivalent). Entry through UAC will be based on academic merit in competition with other applicants. Entry at the end of the third year of study is available for students enrolled in the BA or BSc and will be based on the standard achieved in psychology units above 100 level including certain prescribed units and the completion of at least 72 credit points. In order to continue into the honours (fourth year or equivalent) year of the degree, students already admitted to the BPsych (Hons) must achieve the requirements outlined in this Handbook and in the entry for the Division of Linguistics and Psychology in this Part of the Handbook. Students will be eligible for the award of the degree if they meet the provisions as set out in this Handbook.

The Honours Degree of Bachelor of Ancient History

The Bachelor of Ancient History (Honours) degree is a four-year degree. Admission to the degree is possible either by selection within the number of new students through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or through the University’s internal transfer policy. Entry through UAC will be based on academic merit in competition with other applicants. Students will be eligible for the award of the degree if they meet the provisions as set out in this Handbook.

Bachelor of Arts with Diploma of Education with Honours

A student who has completed a program of study for the combined degree of Bachelor of Arts with a Diploma of Education with a high proportion of studies in Education and with outstanding merit may be awarded the BA DipEd with Honours. To obtain honours in the four-year combined programs of the BA DipEd a student must complete at least 50 credit points in the School of
Education which include an approved coherent study in Education; 38 credit points in EDUC units and certain prescribed units. The combined degree may be awarded with Honours Class I or Class II Division I or Class II Division 2. Details of the prescribed units and standard required are set out in the Programs of Study section in this Part of the Handbook. To be eligible for the award students must meet the provisions as set out in this Handbook. Prospective Honours students should consult the Honours Convener in the School of Education.

**LLB with Honours**

A student who has completed the program of study for the degree of Bachelor of Laws with outstanding merit may be awarded that degree with first-class or second-class honours. See the heading “Award of LLB or BLegS with Honours” in the entry for the Division of Law in this Part of the Handbook.

**University Medals for Honours Graduates**

The Academic Senate, on the recommendation of the Division concerned, may award a medal to a candidate who has obtained the Degree of Bachelor with Honours Class 1 and shown exceptional academic achievement.

**Award of Two Bachelor Degrees**

A student who has qualified for one of the designated undergraduate degrees at Macquarie University, and who wishes to complete another, separate, Bachelor degree, may be granted credit for 18 credit points at 100 level and 10 at 200 level towards the requirements for the second Bachelor degree (refer to Bachelor Degree Rule 1(2)).

**Distance Education Programs**

The University offers distance education programs leading to the degrees of BA, BEd (ECE), BSc and LLB. Distance education teaching involves the use of study guides and reading programs, audio tapes and the regular submission of written assignments. An increasing number of units also include online teaching.

Many units available by distance education require the attendance of the students at short, intensive on-campus sessions, normally held at the University during the vacations or on some weekends. Exemption from attendance at these sessions will not be granted and failure to attend a session associated with a unit may result in a student being excluded from that unit and (except where non-attendance is due to illness) a failure being recorded.

Use is made of audio tapes in the teaching of distance education units and a number of web-based components are being introduced in some units. Students enrolled in distance education courses should have access to a tape recorder. They must also be able to make arrangements satisfactory to the University for the transmission of study guides, assignments and other material; attendance at compulsory on-campus sessions; examinations within Australia; and an adequate library service.

The amount of accommodation available on campus is limited and it is not possible for all students attending on-campus sessions to be accommodated in residential colleges.

**Distance Education Studies**

Applicants must be resident in Australia, because distance study requires attendance both at on-campus sessions at North Ryde and at examination centres within Australia. In the case of students who are currently enrolled in a distance education program and who are compelled to move outside Australia, the Undergraduate Studies Committee will consider a request to continue studies while based outside Australia, provided that the student can make arrangements satisfactory to the University for the transmission of study guides, assignments and other material, attendance at compulsory on-campus sessions, examinations within Australia, and an adequate library service. Approval to remain enrolled in the program would normally only be granted where the student has already completed a substantial proportion of the program (minimum 34 credit points) and is unable to continue their studies at another tertiary institution.

Enquiries should be made to the Centre for Open Education, tel: (02) 9850 7470; fax: (02) 9850 7480; or email: coe@mq.edu.au.

**Distance Education Bachelor of Arts**

There are a number of areas in which students may complete a coherent study wholly by distance education, including ancient and modern history, English, education, politics, biology, human geography, earth and planetary sciences and some European languages. Information about the units offered by distance education is available from the Centre for Open Education.

Additional flexibility is available to students living in the metropolitan area who may include units with internal day or evening attendance in their program if they wish.

**Distance Education Bachelor of Science**

The degree of Bachelor of Science can be completed wholly by distance education study with coherent studies in biology, human geography and earth and planetary sciences. Support units at 100 level are available in chemistry, physics and statistics.
Distance Education Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education)

Graduates from the program are recognised as four-year trained early childhood teachers, and are qualified to care for or teach children aged between 0-8 years.

The 96 credit points required to complete the degree are spread over various areas of study: Child, Family and Society, Management, Education and Curriculum and Reflective Practice.

The compulsory practice teaching units in Early Childhood (the Reflective Practice units) which are offered from the second semester of the BEd(ECE) must be undertaken by on-campus day attendance unless the student has previous teaching qualifications.

Distance Education Bachelor of Laws

The distance education Law course is acceptable as a qualification for the practice of Law in New South Wales.

Applications for enrolment in the distance education law program will be considered from academically qualified persons resident in Australia.

Applicants must be over the age of 21 years and selection is based on academic merit.

Applicants should have access in the neighbourhood of their place of work or residence to a basic law collection consisting of the following:

- A complete set of the Commonwealth Law Reports and the Federal Law Reports together with a current subscription to either the Australian Law Journal Reports, the Federal Law Reports and the Federal Court Reports or the Australian Law Reports; The Australian Statutes 1901-1973 and Supplement and subsequent annual volumes of Statutes up to date, or the (loose leaf) Reprinted Commonwealth Statutes.
- A complete set of the New South Wales State Reports or the New South Wales Weekly Notes from 1900 onwards, together with a current subscription to the New South Wales Law Reports. A complete set of New South Wales current reprinted Acts.
- A complete set of the Australian Law Journal together with a current subscription to that journal and to either the Australian Legal Monthly Digest or Australian Current Law.
- The modern official English Reports (A.C., Q.B., Chanc., P.D.A., now Family Law) from 1870 onwards, together with a current subscription to either the Weekly Law Reports or the All England Reports.
- Either Laws of Australia (LBC Information Services) or Halsbury’s Laws of Australia.

A basic collection of legal reference texts. These will vary considerably, but should include up-to-date Australian and relevant English works. In addition, at least one loose-leaf service dealing with the subjects of Supreme, District and Federal Court procedure, taxation, company law, administrative law, trade practices law, land law and conveyancing, will be required. Students are expected to buy their own copies of prescribed textbooks.

Students permitted to enter the distance education law course register in the Division of Law. They will be expected to attend compulsory on-campus sessions of two to three days each half-year for each unit undertaken. Exemption from attendance at these sessions will not be granted.

Graduate Diplomas

The graduate diplomas in actuarial studies, atmospheric science, early childhood education, education, Japanese, psychology and philosophy are offered for graduates who wish to train in another discipline. They consist wholly of undergraduate units in a particular discipline.

Further information is provided under the relevant Division entry in the Programs of Study section in this Part of the Handbook.

Listed below are the prescribed units for the different programs (these units must be completed).

Anthropology

No prescribed units

Atmospheric Science

GEOS216 and 12 credit points from GEOS301, GEOS316, GEOS325 and GEOS328

Early Childhood Education

Specialisation 1

Early Childhood Education 0-5 settings: ECH113, ECH226, ECH229, ECH416, ECH425, ECHP324, ECHP422

Specialisation 2

Early Childhood Education in K-2 Settings: not currently available

Specialisation 3

Early Education and Intervention in 0-5 Settings: ECH320, ECH416, ECH440, ECH441, ECH445, ECHP423

Education

(i) EDUC262 or EDUC264; and TEP416 and TEP493

or

(ii) EDUC262 or EDUC264, TEP412 (or TEP414 and TEP416) and one of TEP422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 440, 442, 444, 446, 447

Geographic Information Science

GEOS264, GEOS359 or GEOS371, GEOS426
Part Two – Degrees and Academic Organisation

Certificates
Certificates in Languages
The prescribed units for each language* are listed in the Schedule of Undergraduate Programs.

Languages for 2004 are the same as for the Diploma (above) except for Japanese – not available at Certificate-level.

Other Programs
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Theology
Macquarie University and the Australian College of Theology offer suitable candidates the opportunity of pursuing BA and BTh degrees together as a five-year integrated program. Further information may be obtained from the Undergraduate Studies Section of the Registrar’s Office, tel: (02) 9850 7273 or the Australian College of Theology, tel: (02) 9663 2495.

Bachelor of Business, Hospitality and Tourism*
The degree of Bachelor of Business, Hospitality and Tourism (BBHT) requires a minimum of three years of full-time study. At present, the first two years of the degree consist of the Diploma in Hospitality Management offered by the International College of Tourism and Hotel Management, and taught at their facility in Manly, NSW.

The third year (consisting of 3 x 14-week terms) qualifies the candidate for the BBHT. Classes for the third year are also held at Manly.

*Entry to the degree program is either directly into first year or after completion of the Diploma and involves application directly to the International College. It is not possible to apply for this course through the UAC.

Selection of Units of Study
Although undergraduate students are required to register in a Division which reflects their major interest, they have the opportunity to broaden their intellectual horizons by including, in their degree programs, units of study in disciplines significantly removed in content and methodology from those offered in their Division of registration. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Many such units are on offer. They do not carry specialised prerequisites and may be taken by students who do not wish to initiate a formal program of study in the discipline concerned, but only to enrich their educational experience.

Students are advised to consult the Schedule of Undergraduate Units of Study and Descriptions of Undergraduate Units of Study in Part Three of this Handbook.

Graduate Certificates
Listed below are the prescribed units for the Graduate Certificates available (these units must be completed).

Biotechnology
BIOL224, BIOL377, PHIL242
ii) one of the following: BIOL371, CHEM330, CHEM206

Introductory Japanese Teaching
JPN110, JPN111, JPN112, JPN195

Japanese Corporate Training
JPN401, JPN402

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