THE LAW DEGREE WITH HONOURS

What is Honours?

What is Honours & Advantages - *http://www.uow.edu.au/student/honours/whatis/index.html*

The Code of Practice – Honours sets out the responsibilities of all parties involved in managing students undertaking Honours Programs. Please see
http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW058661.html

Getting an Honours LLB

There are two paths to an Honours degree in law. You can have it based on your weighted average mark (WAM), or you can do a RESEARCH HONOURS.

That involves a year of specialised study and research on a topic that you work out with a supervisor. You can combine that with an Honours year in another School: one thesis, jointly supervised.

If you have a WAM approaching 70, and would like to know more about these options, contact the Honors Co-ordinator before the end of Spring Session.

Honours Co-ordinator

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There are three methods by which students may be awarded the LLB degree with honours:

1. WAM-Based Honours

All students who achieve an overall WAM of 70% or better AND who complete LLB 313 Legal Research Project as one of their 8 credit point electives will be awarded LLB (Hons).

Honours grades are as follows:

- Honours Class I   75% to 100%
- Honours Class II, Division 1   72.5% to less than 75%
- Honours Class II, Division 2   70% to less than 72.5%

LLB 313 Legal Research Project is an elective in the LLB program. Students must complete obtain no less than 50% in this subject. The Legal Research Project (LLB 313) will not carry any extra weighting in the calculation of the WAM.

Where a student has completed the Legal Research Project subject, but has not achieved a mark entitling the student to an award of Honours, the student will be eligible for a pass degree if he/she meets the requirements for the degree.

The following subjects are not to be included in the determination of Honours:

- subjects which are graded 'satisfactory' (S) or 'unsatisfactory' (U); or
- subjects with the 'LAW' prefix;

Honours shall be calculated using UOW Method 4 in the University's General Course Rules (section 8.37) (i.e.: weighting of 1 across all subject levels). Where a WAM grade is within 0.1 below a threshold mark, the Honours grade awarded will be at the discretion of the Faculty Assessment Committee.

The details of these requirements (including the formula for calculating WAM) may be found in the Course Rules in the University's Course Handbook at:

http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/ and in the General Course Rules (section 8).

2. Honours by Research

As an alternative to the WAM-based Honours system, eligible LLB students may complete an additional year of study towards the award of a Bachelor of Laws Honours by Research - LLB (Hons-Res) degree. Students will be enrolled in either:

1771 – Bachelor of Laws Honours by Research (4 year)

Students must have completed all compulsory subjects in the Bachelor of Laws (Direct Entry) program [Course Code 1777], and 40 credit points from the Bachelor of Laws elective schedule, with a WAM (weighted average mark) of 70% or more calculated by Method 4 in the University's General Course Rules (8.37) in all of their LLB subjects in order to be eligible to apply for entry into this course.

or

893 - Bachelor of Laws Honours by Research (1 year)

This degree program consists entirely of an end-on year honours year for LLB students for students who have completed the Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry) program or an LLB double degree program. The Faculty of Law aims to provide a legal education which equips students with a critical and questioning attitude, offers a broad perspective and provides the foundation for a career in an extensive range of legal work. This program enables students to apply this knowledge in the context of a major legal research project.

To be eligible for entry into the 'end-on' full year honours subject – LLB 448 Research Honours in Law (48cp) – students must have completed all LLB degree requirements with a minimum overall WAM of 70%.

Completion of LLB 313 is not an eligibility requirement for entry into LLB 448. Students who have completed LLB 313 are not precluded from applying for entry into LLB 448.

Honours is calculated by Method 1 in the University's General Course Rules (section 8.37) (i.e.: based entirely on performance in 400 level subjects).

Ranges for grades of Honours:

Class I	85% to 100%
Class II, Division 1	75% to less than 85%
Class II, Division 2	65% to less than 75%
Class III (where awarded)	50% to less than 65%
Honours not awarded	0% to less than 50%

Bachelor of Laws Honours by Research – 1771

Year 1 Autumn	LLB 100 Foundations of Law A (8) LLB 110 Legal Research & Writing (4) LLB 120 Law of Contract A (8) LLB 130 Criminal Law & Process A (8) LLB 150 Communication Skills (2)	
		LLB: 30 Credit Points
Year 1 Spring	LLB 160 Foundations of Law B (8) LLB 170 Law of Contract B (8) LLB 180 Criminal Law & Process B (8) LLB 197 Lawyers & Australian Society (6) LLB 140 Advocacy Skills (2)	
		LLB: 32 Credit Points
Year 2 Autumn	LLB 220 Property and Trusts A (8) LLB 230 Public Law A (8) LLB 240 Law of Torts (8) LLB 260 Dispute Mgmt Skills (2)	
		LLB: 26 Credit Points
Year 2 Spring	LLB 270 Property and Trusts B (8) LLB 280 Public Law B (8) LLB 290 Legal Theory (8) LLB 250 Drafting Skills (2) LLB 397 Legal Internship	
		LLB: 28 Credit Points
Year 3 Autumn	LLB 300 Remedies & Procedure (8) LLB 302 Law of Business Organisations (8) 2 LLB Electives (16)	
		LLB: 32 Credit Points
Year 3 Spring	LLB 301 Evidence (8) 2 LLB Electives (16) LLB Elective (8) OR LLB 396 Professional Practice (8)	
		LLB: 32 Credit Points
Year 4	LLB 448 Research Honours in Law (48cp)	

Bachelor of Laws Honours by Research – 893

One year full-time or part-time equivalent	LLB 448 Research Honours in Law (48cp)

3. Joint Honours by Research

LLB students enrolled in courses in the following Faculties may have the option of completing an additional year of study towards the award of a Bachelor of Laws Joint Honours by Research – LLB (Jt Hons-Res).

- Arts
- Commerce
- Creative Arts
- Engineering
- Health & Behavioural Sciences
- Informatics
- Science

To be eligible for entry into the Faculty of Law's 'end-on' full year joint honours subject – LLB 424 Joint Research Honours in Law and Another Discipline (24cp) – students must have completed all LLB degree requirements with a minimum overall WAM of 70%.

Students wishing to enter the Joint Research Honours program (LLB 424) must have a research area agreed with a supervisor from both Law and the other Faculty and have approval from the LLB Honours Coordinator (Associate Professor Andrew Frazer) and the Honours Coordinator from the other Faculty.

Students must satisfy the entry requirements for, and enrol concurrently in, a 24cp Joint Honours subject in the other Faculty.

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Class I	85% to 100%
Class II, Division 1	75% to less than 85%
Class II, Division 2	65% to less than 75%
Class III (where awarded)	50% to less than 65%
Honours not awarded	0% to less than 50%

Bachelor of Laws Joint Honours by Research - 1826

One year full-time or part-time equivalent	LLB 424 Joint Honours in Law and Another Discipline - 48cp An honours subject or honours subjects in the other Faculty (determined in consultation with the relevant authority in the other Faculty) constitutes 24cp of the total 48cp requirement.