Bachelor Honours Degrees - Policy

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1. Purpose and Objectives

This policy provides a University-wide framework for the structure and award of honours as part of the University's commitment to the assurance of teaching and learning quality.

2. Definitions, Terms, Acronyms

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) - a single comprehensive national qualifications framework that represents the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training.

3. Policy Scope/Coverage

This policy applies to all AQF level 8 Bachelor Honours Degrees offered by The University of Queensland from 1 January 2015.

4. Policy Statement

This policy seeks to:

- ensure Bachelor Honours Degrees offered at the University are maintained at the highest academic standard;
- ensure that students awarded honours are well prepared to pursue successfully the next stage of their studies and/or professional life: for example, to enter a postgraduate coursework degree or higher degree by research degree to undertake/critically evaluate research relevant to their discipline in an employment or other situation, or to develop a body of transferable personal and professional skills to complete a major project;
- provide the basis on which a confident comparison of honours results from different disciplines within the two forms of honours described in this policy can be made.

5. Honours Can Take Two Forms

The University recognises that two broad options are available for Bachelor Honours Degrees, which can be awarded as either:

- an additional one year (16 units) of study following completion of an AQF level 7 Bachelor Degree; or
• a single qualification of at least four years (64 units) duration.

In both forms, there is a commitment to ensuring that the Bachelor Honours Degree qualifies individuals who apply a body of knowledge in a specific context to undertake professional work and as a pathway for research and further learning.

A class of honours must be awarded in a Bachelor Honours Degree or an integrated program which includes a Bachelor Honours component.

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