



## THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Program Code: 3493

#### **Bachelor of Arts (Honours)**

BA(Hons)

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Program Code: 3494

#### **Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism) (Honours)**

BA(P&J)(Hons)

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Program Code: 3501

#### **Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Honours)**

BBehSc(Hons)

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Program Code: 3495

#### **Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours)**

BComnMed(Hons)

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Program Code: 3496

CRICOS Code: 089561J

#### **Bachelor of Science (Honours)**

BSc(Hons)

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## 2 AMENDMENTS

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Amendments to these requirements will be made in accordance with the General Regulations.

Version	Date Amended	Amendment Details	Approved by
1	January 2019	Regulations of all Programs moved to this combined document. See previous, individual Regulations for records of past amendments.	PVCA
2	January 2021	Program description added	PCAC EO
3	October 2022	Amendments to s.6.4	NHOS
4	May 2023	Removal of CRICOS codes, amendment to study mode & student availability for 3493 B Arts (Hons), 3501 B Behavioural Science (Hons) & 3495 B Communications & Media (Hons)	VC

## 3 PURPOSE

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These Program Requirements set out the approved requirements for Honours Awards in the College of Arts and Sciences.

## 4 OVERVIEW

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### 4.1 Campus Availability

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism) (Honours) and Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours) Programs have been approved for delivery on the Fremantle and Sydney campuses.

The Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Honours) and Bachelor of Science (Honours) Programs have been approved for delivery on the Fremantle campus.

### 4.2 Student Availability

The Bachelor of Science (Honours) Program is available for enrolment to domestic Students and international Students with a student visa.

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Honours), Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours), and Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism) (Honours) Programs are available to domestic Students.

### 4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Honours Programs are accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

### 4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Honours Programs is one (1) years of equivalent full-time study.

An option to complete an Honours Program part-time is available.

### 4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete an Honours Program is four (4) years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the program by the University.

### 4.6 Study Mode

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Honours) and Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours) Programs are offered in multi-mode study mode.

The Bachelor of Science (Honours) and Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism) (Honours) Programs are offered in internal study mode.

### 4.7 Professional Accreditation

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to the Honours Programs.

## 5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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### 5.1 University Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the [University's minimum requirements for admission](#). The requirements for admission are detailed in the University's Policy: *Admissions*.

### 5.2 Specific Program Requirements for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the Honours programs applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.

- 5.2.1 Admission to the Honours Programs is by invitation (in accordance with School procedures) and is subject to the approval of the Dean;
- 5.2.2 A student must normally achieve an average of 70% or higher in a relevant Major within an appropriate Bachelor's Program and demonstrate strong performance across the Program. Any student can be admitted to an Honours Program on the recommendation of the Honours Coordinator and with the approval of the Dean;
- 5.2.3 Students will be admitted to the Honours Programs no longer than two years after the completion of their relevant Bachelor Award; and
- 5.2.4 Students who have completed an appropriate Bachelor's degree at another recognised tertiary institution may be admitted to the Honours Programs, providing they meet all other admission requirements.

## 6 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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### 6.1 Program Description

Honours is an impressive addition to an undergraduate degree, resulting in a more competitive educational qualification in the career marketplace. Honours is also a pathway for higher degree research, including a Master of Arts (MA) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Students will undertake a major research project under supervision, complete coursework, participate in a regular interdisciplinary workshop series and contribute to a conference program regarding their research activities. Students in the Honours program have the opportunity to develop an interdisciplinary research project which may combine their work with other disciplines.

### 6.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of one of the Honours Programs graduates will be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate advanced theoretical and technical knowledge and communication skills in accordance with the relevant discipline or area of practice
- 2 Apply appropriate ethical standards to research processes and procedures
- 3 Evaluate and critically analyse a range of ideas, theories and texts pertaining to their area of research or practice
- 4 Conceive, plan, research and execute a project requiring research, scholarship, composition, and interpretation at an advanced level
- 5 Work independently with limited supervision to meet deadlines
- 6 Engage in self-evaluation processes and formulate plans of action.

### 6.2 Required Courses

- (a) To be eligible for the award of Honours, students must complete a minimum of 200 Units of Credit, including supervised research and coursework. See Appendices A and B for required and elective courses of the Programs.
- (b) Students who have not previously completed University core curriculum must use one of the elective courses in these Programs to complete an undergraduate or postgraduate core course.

### 6.3 Compulsory Honours coursework courses

- (a) A student invited to enrol in an Honours Program must undertake coursework components as part of the Program.
- (b) Guidelines or requirements for the selection of coursework courses will be published each year by the School of Arts and Sciences in the Honours Handbook.

### 6.4 Compulsory Research component

- (a) A student must submit a research proposal and, if applicable, an ethics application to the School of Arts and Sciences within the first semester of enrolment in an Honours Program.

- (b) Students in an Arts or Communications and Media Honours Program must submit for examination an Honours-level thesis of between 15,000 and 18,000 words; or alternatively an Honours-level creative project and a critical exegesis of approximately 6,000 words.
- (c) Students in a Behavioural Science Honours Program must submit for examination an Honours-level thesis of between 15,000 and 18,000 words: or alternatively an Honours-level draft manuscript of primarily qualitative research, targeting a relevant academic journal of approximately 8,000 – 10,000 words.
- (d) Students in a Science Honours Program must submit for examination an Honours-level thesis of between 15,000 and 18,000 words: or alternatively an Honours-level draft manuscript targeting a relevant academic journal of approximately 5,000 – 10,000 words.

#### **6.5 Other Components of the Honours Program**

Students are required to present at the School of Arts & Sciences Research Conference in each semester of their enrolment.

#### **6.6 Examination of a Research Component**

The research thesis or creative project and a critical exegesis is examined by at least two examiners, one of whom must be external to the School.

#### **6.7 Progress within Honours**

Students may be terminated from their Honours Program due to non-attendance at seminars or coursework courses or as a result of failing any course within the Program.

#### **6.8 Ranking of Honours Programs**

The ranking on all Honours programs (e.g.: First or Second-Class Honours) will be awarded in accordance with the General Regulations.

#### **6.9 Awarding Honours**

Honours Programs are graded Awards.

The final grade of the Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Journalism) (Honours), Bachelor Behavioural Science (Honours), and Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours) will be weighted as follows:

- Thesis outcome, 60%
- Coursework, 40%

The final grade of the Bachelor of Science (Honours) will be weighted as follows:

- Thesis outcome, 70%
- Coursework, 30%

#### **6.10 Course substitutions**

Course substitutions must be approved by the Dean or delegate.

## **7 DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of these Requirements, the following terms are defined in the General Regulations:

- Course
- Major
- Units of Credit
- Honours
- Thesis

## 8 APPENDIX A: PROGRAM PLAN

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BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS (POLITICS & JOURNALISM) (HONOURS)

BACHELOR OF BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE (HONOURS)

BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA (HONOURS)

<b>Students must complete the following course (or an equivalent, as approved by the School Dean):</b>	Units of Credit 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ARTS4008 Designing a Research Proposal</li></ul>	
<b>Students will also complete 75 units of credit from Honours courses. If they elect to do so, and if approved by the Dean, students may substitute postgraduate courses for these electives.</b>	75
<b>Honours and other electives include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ARTS4007 Literature Review</li><li>ARTS4030 Honours Directed Study</li><li>ARTS4006 Writing for Research</li><li>ARTS6002 Experience the World</li></ul>	
<b>Students who have not previously completed the university's core curriculum must substitute one of these elective courses for an undergraduate or postgraduate core course.</b>	
<b>Students will complete at least 100 units of credit of supervised research, as follows:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ARTS4002 Supervised Honours Research 25cp</li><li>ARTS4003 Supervised Honours Research 50cp</li><li>ARTS4004 Supervised Honours Research 75cp</li><li>ARTS4005 Supervised Honours Research 100cp</li></ul>	100
<b>To a total of 200 units of credit</b>	200

## 9 APPENDIX B: PROGRAM PLAN

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### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS)

#### Units of Credit

**Students must complete the following courses (or an equivalent, as approved by the School Dean):**

- ARTS4008 Designing a Research Proposal 25

**Students will also complete 25 units of credit from Honours courses. If they elect to do so, and if approved by the Dean, students may substitute postgraduate courses for these electives.** 25

**Honours and other electives include:**

- ARTS4007 Literature Review
- ARTS4030 Honours Directed Study
- ARTS4006 Writing for Research
- ARTS6002 Experience the World

**Students who have not previously completed the university's core curriculum must substitute one of these elective courses for an undergraduate or postgraduate core course.**

**Students will complete at least 150 units of credit of supervised research, as follows:** 150

- SCIE4000 Supervised Honours Research 25cp
- SCIE4001 Supervised Honours Research 50cp
- SCIE4002 Supervised Honours Research 75cp
- SCIE4003 Supervised Honours Research 100cp

**To a total of 200 units of credit** 200