HONOURS
IN THE BDES(ARCH)
AER REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER THE
B.ARCH

• 1. Honours
• 2. 18 weeks professional work experience
• 3. Architectural field study - local or OS
• 4. Study at a tertiary institution - local or OS
• 5. Combination of above

WHAT IS THE HONOURS YEAR
• Full year enrolment (48cpts)
• Research & document topic of your choice under a supervisor of your choice
• Submit dissertation describing research for examination

4TH YEAR PERMUTATIONS
• Do honours in combination with:
  – Working in practice
  – Travel

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BDES and BARCH HONOURS
• BDes(arch) honours is one extra full time year
• BArch honours involves taking 12cpts of honours subjects as part of the degree

• Getting BDes(arch) honours allows entry to PhD
• Getting BArch honours allows entry to Research Masters (can upgrade to PhD)

VALUE OF HONOURS
• Gain academic research skills
• Allows entry to higher research degrees (local and OS)
• Potential to gain scholarships for research degrees
• In depth knowledge of a subject of your choice
Potential benefit for employment

POSSIBLE SUPERVISORS
TOPICS YOU MAY STUDY

• Any topic related to:
  – Architecture
  – Architectural Science
  – Urban Design
  – Planning
  – Design Computing
  – Art
• So long as a staff member is willing and able to supervise

PRECONDITIONS FOR HONOURS
• WAM of 70 (65 with permission)
• Approved topic + supervisor
• No more than 4 years in BDes(arch)

DETERMINATION OF HONOURS
• 70% WAM for honours year + 30% WAM for year 2 and 3 of the BDes(arch)
• Honours Class I WAM of 80
• Honours Class II Division I WAM of 75
• Honours Class II Division II WAM of 70