1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Honours in the Faculty of Science is a year of optional research training available to students that have recently completed an undergraduate degree (pass degree), or is a compulsory component of some four-year professional undergraduate award courses (Bachelor of Science (Nutrition), Bachelor of Psychology).

Honours typically involves a supervised but independent research project that results in the production of a research thesis, additional courses in experimental design or technical training, and some coursework study.

Honours research projects are undertaken in one Honours area. An Honours area is the general field of study in which you will conduct your Honours project, not the title of your Honours project, and will be included on your transcript and testamur when you graduate. Some Honours areas are only available within particular Honours degrees, and several Honours areas may be offered by the same School, Discipline or Unit within the Faculty of Science (see Honours areas).

Honours is normally one year of full-time study, but is also available part-time in some Schools, Disciplines or Units within the Faculty. For specific details on availability, students are advised to contact the School, Discipline or Unit in which they would like to undertake an Honours project.

Students may not re-attempt an Honours award course in a single Honours area.

Australian citizens and Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders are offered a Commonwealth Supported Place for the Honours year and are eligible to apply for HECS-Help for the Honours year.

International students are required to pay an additional year of fees for the Honours year.

Applicants with a pass degree from another tertiary institution can only apply for admission into the Bachelor of Science (Honours).

2. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements for Honours differ between Honours courses:

**Honours in the BSc (including all streams and combined degrees), BMedSc, BLAS, BST:**

To qualify to enrol in an honours course, students shall:

1. (a) have qualified for the award of a pass degree; or
2. (b) be a pass graduate of the Faculty of Science; or
3. (c) be a pass graduate holding a Bachelor of Science degree or an equivalent qualification from another institution.

2. have completed a minimum of 24 credit points of Senior units of study relating to the intended Honours course (or equivalent at another institution);

3. have achieved either:
   (a) a SciWAM of at least 65; or
   (b) a credit average (65) in 48 credit points of relevant Intermediate and Senior Science units of study;

4. Satisfy any additional criteria set by the Head of School, Discipline or Unit concerned.

*In some Schools, Disciplines and Units the SciWAM requirement is much higher for consideration for entry into Honours, particularly when entry is very competitive and there are limited places available. For example, a minimum of a distinction average (75) is generally required to study in the School of Psychology.*

#relevant units of study must be nominated by the School/Discipline and must be accompanied by strong written support from the School/Discipline

**Honours in the BPsych**

To qualify to enrol in the Honours award course, students shall have completed 144 credit points as specified in Resolution 5(1) of the Bachelor of Psychology including completion of all Intermediate and Senior units of study in Psychology with an average grade of Distinction (75) or better.

3. WHEN TO APPLY?

Application deadlines for each academic semester are advertised on the Faculty of Science website:


Application deadlines are strictly enforced to enable timely processing and ensure that offers for admission into Honours are finalised by semester enrolment dates.

*Applications received after the due date for each semester will not be processed.*
### 4. APPLICATION

#### ALL APPLICANTS
An Honours application must be submitted and approved before students can enrol. All students will be advised of the outcome of their application by email to their nominated email address.

#### Complete an Honours application form online
Applications must be lodged online at: [http://sydney.edu.au/courses/study_area/science-and-technology](http://sydney.edu.au/courses/study_area/science-and-technology). When you apply online please make sure that you have selected the correct Honours degree with relation to your current degree. (E.g. if you did a Bachelor of Medical Science at the University of Sydney you should apply for Bachelor of Medical Science Honours). Please indicate at least one Honours area and the School, Discipline or Unit in which you intend to undertake your project.

#### Note to External Applicants:
All students from an institution other than Sydney University with a Science, Engineering or Medicine degree wishing to apply for Honours in a Science area should apply for Bachelor of Science Honours. Students with degrees in areas outside Science, Engineering or Medicine should enquire at the Science Faculty Office as to what the appropriate Honours degree would be.

#### Note to BLAS Students:
Any Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science students who wish to apply for Honours in an area in Arts must apply through the Arts Faculty.

#### UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY STUDENTS
School/Discipline/Unit approval to lodge an application
To be considered for Honours, most Schools/Disciplines/Units require you to have made prior contact with them to organize a suitable supervisor. You should provide evidence of this by providing a copy of the School application or supplying evidence of email correspondence with your proposed supervisor.

*Willingness of a member of academic staff to act as your supervisor does not guarantee an offer for Honours.*

Please note: Internal Sydney University applicants do not need to provide an official transcript for their study at Sydney University.

#### APPLICANTS WITH A PASS DEGREE FROM ANOTHER INSTITUTION

#### Provide documentary evidence of prior tertiary study
Your application will not be considered without your academic history. Please attach complete, officially certified academic transcripts for all tertiary-level studies undertaken. The Faculty of Science reserves the right to request to see originals of any documentation attached to your application.

#### Provide documentary evidence of residency status
You cannot be enrolled if you do not provide evidence of your date of birth and citizenship. Please attach a copy of your birth certificate or passport, and permanent residency/student visa where applicable. The Faculty of Science reserves the right to request to see originals of any documentation attached to your application.

#### Provide evidence that you approached a potential supervisor to arrange an Honours project
Your application will not be considered if you have not sought a project and supervisor at your proposed School, Discipline or Unit. Please attach a copy of correspondence with your potential supervisor indicating their willingness to act as your supervisor if you are offered an Honours place. **Students applying for Honours in Psychology do not require this additional supervisory approval letter**

*Willingness of a member of academic staff to act as your supervisor does not guarantee an offer for Honours.*

#### INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS
International students must also complete and lodge an application to study Honours at the International Office. The application form can be downloaded from the International Office website: [http://sydney.edu.au/internationaloffice](http://sydney.edu.au/internationaloffice)
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5. ENROLMENT

Enrolment details will be specified on your offer letter should your application be successful. Further details are available by contacting the Faculty of Science Information office or on the Faculty of Science website: [http://sydney.edu.au/science](http://sydney.edu.au/science)

Obtain your University of Sydney student card
Once you have paid any fees levied by the University you will be able to obtain a student card. You will need to provide an acceptable form of photo identification (e.g. driver’s licence, passport or proof of age card) for the card to be produced. Information about student cards can be found online: [http://sydney.edu.au/card_centre/student/how.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/card_centre/student/how.shtml)

7. APPLICATION FORMS
Applications must be lodged online at: [http://sydney.edu.au/courses/study_area/science-and-technology](http://sydney.edu.au/courses/study_area/science-and-technology)

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HONOURS AREAS - AVAILABILITY IN EACH AWARD COURSE AND SCHOOL/UNIT

An Honours area is the general field of study in which you will conduct your Honours project and will be included on your transcript and testamur when you graduate. Some Honours areas are only available within particular Honours award courses, outlined below. Please note that some Honours Areas do not offer Mid-Year (Semester 2) entry. You should enquire with the school about availability if you wish to apply mid-year.

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* Also available in the BSc (Advanced).
1 Also available in the BSc (Molecular Biology and Genetics)
2 Also available in the BSc (Bioinformatics)
3 Also available in the BSc (Environmental)
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5 Also available in the BSc (Molecular Biotechnology)

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