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POLICY ON ENTRY TO HONOURS

<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>ENTRY TO HONOURS</b>
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**1. Policy Scope**

This policy applies to students on all Honours programmes.

**2. Requisite Modules**

The programme requirements for each Honours degree programme specify a number of 2000 level modules as requisites for Honours entry. All such modules must be passed for Honours entry.

**3. Automatic Entry to Honours**

In addition, the programme requirements for each BSc/MA/BD/MTheol/BA International Honours programme specify that, for automatic entry to Honours, either:

- a grade of 11.0 or above at first sitting must be attained in certain requisite 2000 level modules; and/or
- an average grade of 11.0 or above at first sitting must be attained in certain requisite 2000 level modules.

Students who attain such grades in accordance with the programme rules, and who meet all other programme requirements and Faculty regulations, will be given automatic offers into BSc/MA/BD/MTheol/BA International Honours programmes.

The programme requirements for each Integrated Masters programme specify that, for automatic entry to Honours, either:

- a grade of 15.0 or above at first sitting must be attained in certain requisite 2000 level modules; or
- an average grade of 15.0 or above at first sitting must be attained in certain requisite 2000 level modules.

Students who attain such grades in accordance with the programme rules, and who meet all other programme requirements and Faculty regulations, will be given automatic offers into Integrated Masters Honours programmes.

Automatic entry conditions must be met during the first completed enrolment in each requisite module.

**4. Qualified Entry to Honours**

The following Schools permit qualified entry to Honours based on the grades achieved at a University-administered Honours Entry examination: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth & Environmental Sciences, Geography & Sustainable Development, Mathematics & Statistics, and Physics & Astronomy. This is based on the particular type of learning relevant to those subjects where it is permitted. Qualified entry is not permitted to Integrated Masters programmes.

Students who do not achieve automatic Honours Entry and wish to enter Honours in a School that permits qualified entry must satisfy the conditions below.

- a) have achieved a grade of 4.0 or above in each of the requisite 2000 level modules; and
- b) take the Honours Entry examinations for one or more requisite modules in which they did not previously achieve grade 11.0 or above, such that the conditions for automatic Honours Entry are met when the best grade now achieved in each module<sup>1</sup> is considered; and
- c) have gained at least 240 credits.

Where a programme offered by a School permitted Qualified Entry includes core requisite modules from a School that does not permit Qualified Entry, Honours Entry examinations may only be taken in modules from the School permitting Qualified Entry<sup>2</sup>.

Students who meet these conditions, and all other programme requirements and Faculty regulations, will be given qualified offers into BSc/MA programmes.

An Honours Entry examination can only be taken in the same academic year as the first completed enrolment in the relevant requisite module.

## **5. Movement from BSc/MA/BD/MTheol to Integrated Masters Programmes**

A student who is on a BSc/MA/BD/MTheol (Hons) route can move to an Integrated Masters programme in third year if they attain grades of 15.0\* or above in specified Honours modules (or an average of 15.0, in Schools operating an average scheme for Honours entry) taken until a School-specified cut-off date at the end of the first or second semester.

## **6. School of Medicine**

The School of Medicine, being entirely self-contained, is currently an exception and will continue to operate a system of conditional Honours Entry for the time being.

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<sup>1</sup> Overall grades resulting from Honours Entry examinations are calculated in the same way as for reassessment in the relevant modules.

<sup>2</sup> For BSc Neuroscience, Honours Entry examinations may be taken in Biology modules but not in Psychology modules.

