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## Entry to honours

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## **1. Statement**

- 1.1 This policy contains the University's position on Entry to Honours.

## **2. Purpose**

- 2.1 This policy describes requirements pertaining to Entry to Honours for students on Honours programmes.

## **3. Scope / jurisdiction**

- 3.1 This policy applies to students on all Honours programmes.

## **4. Entry to Honours**

- 4.1 Before entering Honours, a student must have gained at least 220 credits including at least 80 credits at 2000 level.
- 4.2 The programme requirements for each Honours degree programme specify a number of 2000-level modules as requisites for Honours entry.
- 4.3 For entry to Honours in programmes other than Integrated Masters programmes, all requisite modules must be passed. Passes may be obtained at first sitting or at resit, or in a further enrolment in the module.
- 4.4 For entry to Honours in an Integrated Masters programme, a student must achieve certain average grades in the requisite 2000-level modules, as specified in the relevant School handbook(s). Unless otherwise specified in the relevant handbook(s), these average grades must be achieved at first sitting in the first enrolment in each module.

## **5. Transfer to Integrated Masters Programmes**

- 5.1 A student on another programme can transfer to an Integrated Masters programme at the end of the Junior Honours year if they have taken modules in Junior Honours compatible with the change, and:
  - 5.1.1 they have previously achieved the requirements for entry to Honours in the new programme, or
  - 5.1.2 they have previously passed the requisite 2000-level modules for the new programme, and they have attained, in certain Honours

modules specified in the relevant School handbook(s), the average grade that is required for entry to Honours in the new programme.

## 6. Contacts

6.1 Queries about this policy can be directed to the Decanal team or the Education and Student Experience team.

## 7. Version control

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