Class of Honours Schedule

1 Purpose

To provide a standard approach to determining the class of honours for embedded and separate (end-on) bachelor honours programs.

2 Scope

This schedule must be read in conjunction with the Assessment Procedure and is subordinate to it.

3 Schedule

The University offers bachelor honours qualifications in either a separate (end-on) model (8 Units) or an embedded model (32 Units of which 8 are honours Units).

Calculation of a Student's Grade Point Average (GPA) for a bachelor honours program is dependent on the relevant honours model and will be used to determine the class of honours.

For a separate (end-on) honours program, the honours GPA is calculated across all graded Courses. Only Courses taken at the University can be included in the calculation of class of honours.

For an embedded honours programs, program requirements must specify the set of 8 Courses that will be used to calculate the GPA for the purpose of awarding the class of honours. Only graded Courses within the program are included in GPA calculations. Grades not contributing to GPA are not included.

Unless the program requirements state otherwise, all attempts at Courses that contribute to the calculation of the GPA for the purpose of awarding the class of honours will be used.

GPAs used to determine the class of honours will be rounded to the nearest one decimal place.

Class of honours	GPA range
First Class Honours (1)	6.2 - 7.0
Second Class Honours (2A)	5.6 - 6.1
Second Class Honours (2B)	5.0 - 5.5
Third Class Honours (3A)	4.0 - 4.9

Third Class Honours (3B)	Less than 4.0

Candidates who do not receive at least a Final Grade of "pass" (P) in all graded Courses that are included in the calculation of the class of honours for that program are ineligible for the Award of an honours degree.

4 References

Nil.

5 Schedule Information

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Responsible Officer	Associate Provost
Policy Type	University Procedure
Policy Suite	Assessment Policy
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Relevant Legislation	
Policy Exceptions	Policy Exceptions Register
Related Policies	
Related Procedures	Assessment Procedure Grades Procedure
Related forms, publications and websites	
Definitions	**Terms defined in the Definitions Dictionary** Award The qualification conferred upon a Student following the successful completion of an Academic Program. The categories of Award are listed in the Program Nomenclature Schedule . Course

A discrete element of a program, normally undertaken over a single Study Period, in which the Student enrols, and on completion of which the Student is awarded a grade.

Final Grade

A Final Grade is a code that normally represents the outcome of the Assessment of a Student's performance against the learning objectives of a Course but may reflect the outcome of an applicable administrative process.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

A GPA is the sum, for all relevant Courses, of the Unit value for each Course, multiplied by the numerical value of the Grades achieved in those Courses, divided by the sum of the Unit values for all the relevant Courses.

Student

A person who is enrolled in a UniSQ Upskill Course or who is admitted to an Award Program or Non-Award Program offered by the University and is: currently enrolled in one or more Courses or study units; or not currently enrolled but is on an approved Leave of Absence or whose admission has not been cancelled.

Unit

This is an indicator of the value of a Course. Most Courses are valued at one Unit. Units are used to track progress towards completing a program. (The term used prior to 2002 to describe a Course)

University

The term 'University' or 'UniSQ' means the University of Southern Queensland.

	Definitions that relate to this schedule only
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