



# Faculty of Law

## Entry into LLB (Honours)

This primary purpose of this document is to set out the two ways to enter the LLB (Honours) programme.

### Entry by Invitation

At the end of second year law,<sup>1</sup> the Faculty invites students who meet the following criteria to enter the Honours programme:

- Average of at least B+ in the four 200-level LAWS papers; and
- Marks are in the top 10% of the second year class.

### Entry by Application

Students who have not entered the Honours programme may apply for admission if they meet the following criteria based on papers completed as at 1 December:

- Have completed at least 105 points of 300- or 400- level LAWS papers;
- Not have substantially completed your degree (or degrees);<sup>2</sup> and
- Have obtained a B+ grade in at least two pieces of legal research and writing undertaken in conjunction with 300- and 400- level LAWS papers. Only one paper per course may count for this purpose.

Applications must be received via eVision by 1 December. Students who are unsuccessful one year can apply again the following year if they still meet the criteria.

### Process for Acceptance of Applications

In December, the Faculty will set a cut-off average grade (based on marks in 300- and 400- level LAWS papers), and accept applications from applicants whose average grade is on or above the cut-off.

The required grade varies from year to year based on the pool of applicants and the Faculty's capacity to provide supervision the following year. It is generally in the high B+ to low A- range, and tends to cover around the top 15% of the class.

Students will be advised whether or not their application is successful shortly after the decision.

### After Entry into Honours: Things to Consider

This section is an indication of some factors students considering the programme may wish to consider.

#### Preliminary Honours

Students who enter the programme by invitation must complete Preliminary Honours (LAWS380). Generally this must be completed in the year following admission. Preliminary Honours requires a student to:

- Submit at least two pieces of research and writing in conjunction with 300- and 400- level LAWS papers; and
- Attain a B+ average in the best two of those pieces of research in writing.

Preliminary Honours students are also expected to attend at least three LLB(Hons) seminars being given by students in their Dissertation Year.

Students who entered the programme by application will already have met the requirements for Preliminary Honours.

#### The Dissertation Year

The apex of the LLB (Hons) programme is the Dissertation Year, in which the student completes their Honours Dissertation. For students who enter the programme by invitation, the Dissertation Year will generally be several years after entry. For some students who enter by application, the Dissertation Year will be the year after the year in which they apply.

In terms of planning ahead, it is important to consider that:

- The dissertation cannot be completed extramurally;
- The dissertation must be completed in one calendar year and cannot be commenced in Semester Two one year and completed in Semester One the following year;
- Students in the LLB (Hons) programme who wish to go on exchange require approval from the Exchange Advisor and Honours Co-ordinator.

#### See also:

- LLB (Honours) Regulations
- LLB (Honours) Dissertation Year Handbook

<sup>1</sup> "At the end of second year law" means at the end of the year in which the student completes the last paper (or papers) they are required to complete for second year law.

<sup>2</sup> This means that the student must normally have at least six single-semester papers remaining to complete the requirements for their degree (or degrees). There is no required number of LAWS points remaining. The basis of this requirement is that LLB (Honours) students should all generally have a relatively full workload in their dissertation year.