7.6 HONOURS DEGREES

Honours following completion of a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Marine Science

To graduate with an Honours degree, candidates undertake a research thesis within their major study discipline, together with any required coursework. The Honours program will normally be completed in an additional year of full-time study or two years of part-time study. The final grade is calculated entirely on the required work completed during the Honours year. A Weighted Average Mark (WAM) is calculated using a weighting of 1 for 400 level subjects.

Grades are:

- Class I (High Distinction: 85-100%)
- Class II, Div.1 (Distinction: 75-to less than 85%)
- Class II, Div.2 (Credit: 65-to less than 75%)
- Class III (Pass: 50-to less than 65%)

Students may apply to enrol in an Honours degree after the requirements of the pass degree have been fulfilled, normally at the prescribed academic standard. This standard is usually an average of at least credit level for the 300-level subjects in the major study. Admission to Honours is by recommendation of the relevant Head of the Academic Unit and approval by the Dean or Associate Dean of the Faculty.

Note: Students who complete a minor sequence in a Science discipline are not eligible to undertake Honours in that discipline. A full major is required for entry to Honours.

Students proceeding directly from a 3-year degree to Honours do not graduate until after they have completed Honours. However, it is possible to graduate with a Pass Degree and then decide to undertake Honours at a later date, either at this University or at another University. Graduates from other Universities may also apply to undertake Honours at the University of Wollongong.

Honours in the BSc (Hons) Advanced Program

Candidates in the BSc (Honours) Advanced Program proceed directly to Honours without being required to lodge an application. All other regulations for Honours are the same as for the BSc.

Honours in the 4-year degrees: BBiotech, BEnvSc, BMedChem and BNanotech

Honours is incorporated into these degrees and awarded on a Weighted Average Mark determined using the Honours Project mark together with the marks awarded for other identified 300- and 400-level subjects. Students are informed in advance which subjects are included in determining the grade of Honours.