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# **COURSE REGULATIONS**

## **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

**BACHELOR OF MEDICINE/BACHELOR OF SURGERY**  
**MBBS**

**BACHELOR OF MEDICINE/BACHELOR OF SURGERY**  
**(HONOURS)**  
**MBBS(Hons)**

**COURSE CODE: 3342 & 3314**

THESE COURSE REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM 1.1.2016

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

1. These Course Regulations apply to all students who are enrolled in the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery and the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) Awards on the Fremantle Campus.
2. The Dean is the responsible Executive of these Course Regulations.
3. The contact officer for this document is the Executive Officer, School of Medicine, Fremantle Campus.

## MODIFICATION HISTORY

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# 1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

## 1.1 Introduction

These Course Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery and the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) Awards at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's General Regulations and the School of Medicine Regulations.

## 1.2 Interpretation

The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University's General Regulations and the School of Medicine Regulations.

## 1.3 Amendments made to Course Regulations

Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of these Awards, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

## 1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University

These Awards are available on the Fremantle Campus.

## 1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

The Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery Award is a Level 7 AQF qualification.

The Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery Award (Honours) is a Level 8 AQF qualification.

## 2 ENTRY CRITERIA

### 2.1 General Criteria

The standard entry requirements for admission are detailed in the University's General Regulations and the School of Medicine Regulations.

### 2.2 Additional Entry Requirements / Pre-Requisites

Additional requirements for entry into these Awards include:

#### 2.2.1 Mission

These Awards are open to applicants who satisfy the course selection process and who demonstrate commitment to Medicine as a career and a life's vocation, as well as personal qualities consistent with the mission of the School of Medicine, Fremantle. Leadership or community involvement, and other experiences may be used in the selection process.

#### 2.2.2 Graduate Entry

These Awards are four-year graduate entry courses. Applicants must have completed:

- (a) a minimum of a Bachelor's Award (recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework or the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition Guide) within the last 10 years, or be in the final year of a Bachelor's Award in any discipline. Applicants whose undergraduate degree was completed outside the 10 year period may still be considered for admission if within 10 years of the application closing date they have successfully completed the equivalent of one year's full-time tertiary studies before the application closing date at a recognised Bachelor level or higher; and
- (b) the Graduate Australian Medical Schools' Admissions Test (GAMSAT).
- (c) There are no prerequisite subjects for admission into these Awards.

#### 2.2.3 Compliance

- (a) students must comply with the WA Department of Health and private hospital requirements for criminal clearances, screening and vaccination against specified infectious diseases.
- (b) students must be able to provide the School of Medicine, Fremantle with a current First Aid Certificate that complies with the national standard.

### 2.3 External Accreditation Requirements

External accreditation requirements are applicable to these Awards.

These Awards are accredited by the Australian Medical Council.

## 3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

### 3.1 Structure

For the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery Award Structure, refer to Appendix A.

For the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) Award Structure, refer to Appendix B.

#### 3.1.1 Compulsory Units

MED100 Foundations of a Medical Vocation

MED200 Foundations of Clinical Practice

MED300 Clinical Apprenticeships

Or

MED301 Clinical Apprenticeships in the Rural Clinical School

MED400 Preparation for Internship

- (a) Attendance at and participation in all PBL tutorials, Clinical Debriefing tutorials, Clinical Skills sessions and rural/remote placements is considered essential for full participation in the course and therefore compulsory. Other compulsory sessions will be clearly outlined in the unit outlines and/or the weekly timetables.
- (b) Students are required to undertake Philosophical Studies in Medicine, Theological Studies in Medicine and Ethical Studies in Medicine in order to be eligible to graduate. These subjects are offered to students of these Awards as separate components within the MED100 and MED200 compulsory units.
- (c) If a student has previously completed the University's corresponding Core Curriculum unit, or if they have previously completed formal studies at another institution in the area of one or more of the Core Curriculum units, they may apply for an exemption without credit in accordance with the General Regulations.
- (d) If a student fails to successfully complete any of the Philosophical Studies in Medicine, Theological Studies in Medicine or Ethical Studies in Medicine components within these Awards they may be permitted by the Dean of the School of Medicine, in consultation with the Dean of the School of Philosophy and Theology, to continue in these Awards on the condition that they must successfully complete a supplementary corresponding Core Curriculum unit at their own expense in order to be eligible to graduate.

#### 3.1.2 Elective Units

There are no electives with these Awards.

#### 3.1.3 Majors and Double Majors

There are no Majors or Double Majors within these Awards.

#### 3.1.4 Minors

There are no Minors available within these Awards.

#### 3.1.5 Specialisations

There are no Specialisations permitted within these Awards.

#### 3.1.6 Special Interest Units

There are no Special Interest Units available in these Awards.

### 3.2 Special Award Requirements

There are no Special Award requirements in these Awards.

### 3.3 Practicum or Internship requirements

Students are to complete Clinical Placements.

### **3.3.1 Attendance**

It is a requirement of these Awards that all students attend and participate in all clinical placements, including after hours work.

### **3.3.2 Special Requirements**

- (a) A student must disclose to the Dean any criminal conviction, physical or mental health issue that has the potential to impact upon the student's capacity to undertake a clinical placement, to complete that placement, or to complete it at the assigned agency. Failure to disclose may result in cancellation of enrolment or disciplinary action being taken against the student.
- (b) Upon receipt of such information, the Dean will determine what (if any) steps need to be taken to appropriately balance the rights, interests and obligations of all affected parties, including (but not limited to) the student concerned, the University and the agency.
- (c) The Dean will notify the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency where required to do so by law.

### **3.4 Approved unit substitutions**

There are no approved unit substitutions permitted in these Awards.

### **3.5 Alternative Pathways**

An Alternative Pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants is applicable for these Awards:

### **3.6 Volume of Learning**

#### **3.6.1 Standard Duration**

- (a) The standard duration for these Awards is four (4.0) years of equivalent full-time study.
- (b) A student is not able to enrol in these Awards on a part-time basis.

#### **3.6.2 Accelerated Duration**

An accelerated mode is not available for these Awards.

#### **3.6.3 Maximum Duration**

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete these Awards is six years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the course by the University.

### **3.7 Graduation**

Where a student has satisfied all the requirements of these Awards as detailed in these Course Regulations and the General Regulations, the University may grant the student graduation status.

### **3.8 Exit Awards**

An Exit Award pathway is not available for these Awards.

### **3.9 Honours**

The Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery Award is offered with Honours and must be read in conjunction with the Policy: The Award of a Degree with Honours.

#### **3.9.1 Admission to an Honours program**

The Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) is open to currently enrolled and eligible medical students at the discretion of the Dean of Medicine, Fremantle.

### **3.9.2 Selection criteria**

The following selection criteria will be used for a student being invited to enrol in the Honours program:

The minimum requirements for entry to the Course will be a weighted average mark of 65% in MED100, MED200 and MED300/MED301. The weighting will be MED100 – 20%; MED200 – 35% AND MED300/301 – 45%.

### **3.9.3 Compulsory Honours unit**

A student invited to enrol in the Honours program must enrol in and successfully complete:

MED401      Honours Research Project      0 credit points

### **3.9.4 Compulsory Research component**

Each student is required to adhere to the requirements as outlined in the MED401 Honours unit outline

### **3.9.5 Examination of Research component**

All of the requirements of the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) will be marked by two examiners with relevant experience. A structured marking guide will be utilised to determine the rank of Honours awarded (in accordance with the General Regulations).

### **3.9.6 Awarding Honours**

- (a) Honours within the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery are awarded as graded Honours.
- (b) To graduate with a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) students must achieve at least 60% in the required assessments.

**END OF REGULATIONS**





**APPENDIX A:**

<b>YEAR ONE</b>		
<b>Unit Number</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>Credit Points</b>
MED100	Foundations of a Medical Vocation	200
<b>Total Credit Points Year One</b>		<b>200</b>

  

<b>YEAR TWO</b>		
<b>Unit Number</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>Credit Points</b>
MED200	Foundations of Clinical Practice	200
<b>Total Credit Points Year Two</b>		<b>200</b>

  

<b>YEAR THREE</b>		
<b>Unit Number</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>Credit Points</b>
MED300	Clinical Apprenticeships	200
or		
MED301	Clinical Apprenticeships in the Rural Clinical School	200
<b>Total Credit Points Year Three</b>		<b>200</b>

  

<b>YEAR FOUR</b>		
<b>Unit Number</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>Credit Points</b>
MED400	Preparation for Internship	200
<b>Total Credit Points Year Four</b>		<b>200</b>
<b>TOTAL COURSE CREDIT POINTS:</b>		<b>800</b>



**APPENDIX B:**

Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Programs as indicated in Appendix A.

**PLUS**

Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery Course Year 4 Honours Program

In the fourth year of the MBBS, a student undertakes MED400 concurrently with MED401. Honours is an overload in the final year of the course:

MED401	<b>Honours Research Program</b> Completion of unit requirements	0
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TOTAL COURSE CREDIT POINTS FOR Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (HONS) = 800