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# **COURSE REGULATIONS**

## **SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA  
(HONOURS)**

**BComnMed(Hons)**

**COURSE CODE: 3495**

THESE COURSE REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM 1.1.2016

**SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

- 1. These Course Regulations apply to all students who are enrolled in this Award on the Fremantle and Sydney Campuses.
- 2. The Dean is the responsible Executive of these Course Regulations.
- 3. The contact officer for this document is the Assistant Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Fremantle campus.

**MODIFICATION HISTORY**

- 1. These Course Regulations are effective from 1 January 2016.

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# 1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

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## 1.1 Introduction

These Course Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours) Award at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's General Regulations, the School of Arts and Sciences Regulations and the Policy: The Award of a Degree with Honours.

## 1.2 Interpretation

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

## 1.3 Amendments made to Course Regulations

Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours) Award, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

## 1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University

The Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours) Award is available on the Fremantle and Sydney Campuses only.

## 1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

The Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours) Award is a Level 8 AQF qualification.

## **2 ENTRY CRITERIA TO THE AWARD OF HONOURS**

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### **2.1 Admission**

- (a) Admission to the Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours) Award is by invitation (in accordance with School procedures) and is subject to the approval of the Dean.
- (b) Students who have completed an appropriate Bachelor's degree at another recognised tertiary institution may be admitted to this Award provided they meet the selection criteria outlined in 2.2 below.
- (c) Students admitted to Honours from other recognised tertiary institutions will be required to undertake one Core Curriculum unit as an overload unit. See the General Regulations.

### **2.2 Selection Criteria**

Students will be invited to enrol in the Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours) Award based on the following:

- (a) A student must normally achieve an average of 70% or higher in a relevant Major within an appropriate Bachelor's Award and demonstrate strong performance across the Award.
- (b) Any student can be admitted to the Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours) Award on the recommendation of the Honours Coordinator and with the approval of the Dean.

### **2.3 Deferral of Participation in the Honours Program**

An option to defer a place in the Honours program is available.

## 3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

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### 3.1 Structure

For the Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours) Award structure, refer to Appendix A.

#### 3.1.1 Compulsory Honours coursework units

- (a) A student invited to enrol in the Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours) Award must undertake coursework components as part of this Award.
- (b) Guidelines or requirements for the selection of coursework units will be published each year by the School in the Honours Handbook.

#### 3.1.2 Compulsory Research component

- (a) A student must submit a research proposal and, if applicable, an ethics application to the School of Arts and Sciences within the first semester of enrolment in this Award.
- (b) A student must also submit for examination an Honours-level thesis of between 15,000 and 18,000 words; or alternatively an Honours-level creative project and a critical exegesis of approximately 6,000 words.

#### 3.1.3 Other Components of the Honours Program

Students are required to present at the School of Arts & Sciences Research Conference in each semester of their enrolment.

### 3.2 Examination of a Research Component

The research thesis or creative project and a critical exegesis is examined by at least two examiners, one of whom must be external to the School.

### 3.3 Progress within Honours

Students may be terminated from the Honours Award due to non-attendance at seminars or coursework units or as a result of failing any unit within the Award.

### 3.4 Volume of Learning

#### 3.4.1 Standard Duration

- (a) The standard duration for the Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours) Award is one (1) year of equivalent full-time study.
- (b) A student is able to enrol in this Award on a part-time basis.

#### 3.4.2 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete this Award is four (4) years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first accepted into the course by the University.

### 3.5 Ranking of Honours Awards

The ranking on all Honours programs will be awarded in accordance with the General Regulations.

### 3.6 Awarding Honours

Honours within the Bachelor of Communications and Media (Honours) Award is awarded as graded Honours.

## END OF REGULATIONS



**APPENDIX A:**

YEAR ONE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points
AL405	Supervised Honours Research (full year unit)	62.5	AL405	Supervised Honours Research (full year unit)	62.5
AL406	Honours Research Seminar (full year unit)	25	AL406	Honours Research Seminar (full year unit)	25
AL403	Honours Directed Study	25			
<b>Credit Point Total for Y1 S1</b>		112.50	<b>Credit Point Total for Y1 S2</b>		87.50
<b>Total Credit Points Year One</b>					200

\*Students admitted to Honours from other recognised tertiary institutions will be required to undertake one Core Curriculum unit as an overload unit.