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# **COURSE REGULATIONS**

## **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

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

**COURSE CODE: 3309**

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

MBBS (Hons)

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## 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 Sydney 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, Sydney Campus.

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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 School of Medicine, Sydney.

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

The Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery Award and the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) Awards are available on the Sydney Campus only.

## 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) Award 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 this Award 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, Sydney. 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 with no prerequisite subjects. 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 ten-year period may still be considered for admission if within ten years of the application closing date they have successfully completed the equivalent of one year's full time tertiary studies at a recognized Bachelor level or higher; and
- (b) the Graduate Australian Medical Schools' Admissions Test (GAMSAT).

#### 2.2.3 Compliance

- a) students must comply with the NSW Health and/or Victorian Department of Health requirements for criminal clearances, screening and vaccination against specified infectious diseases.
- b) students must be able to provide the School of Medicine, Sydney 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 Medical Board of Australia on the recommendation of 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

MED1000	Foundations of a Medical Vocation	200 credit points
MED2000	Foundations of Clinical Practice	200 credit points
MED3000	Apprenticeship in Clinical Practice	200 credit points
MED4000	Preparation for Internship	200 credit points

- (a) Attendance at and participation in all Orientation days, Problem Based Learning tutorials, Clinical Debriefing tutorials, Clinical Skills tutorials, practical teaching sessions and workshops, Back-to-Base days, clinical practice sessions, rural placements and other learning activities as listed in the Student Handbooks is considered essential for full participation in the course and therefore compulsory. A student who misses more than 10% of the compulsory teaching sessions may be deemed not to have met the requirements of the unit and may receive a Fail due to Non-Completion (FN) grade for the unit.
- (b) Students are required to undertake Studies in Philosophy, Studies in Theology and Studies in Ethics in order to be eligible to graduate in accordance with 3.1 of the General Regulations.
- (c) If a student fails to successfully complete any of the Studies in Philosophy, Studies in Theology or Studies in Ethics components within the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery Degree course 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 the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery degree course 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 within this Award.

##### 3.1.3 Majors and Double Majors

There are no Majors available in this Award.

##### 3.1.4 Minors

There are no Minors available in this Award.

##### 3.1.5 Specialisations

There are no Specialisations permitted in this Award.

##### 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.

### **3.3 Practicum or Internship requirements**

#### **3.3.1 Special Requirements**

- (a) Students are to acknowledge and comply with the School of Medicine, Sydney Fitness to Practice Policy.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) The Dean will notify the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency where required to do so by law.

#### **3.3.2 Attendance**

- (e) Students are to complete all clinical placements including after-hours work, and attend all rural experiences. Students who fail to attend any clinical placement or rural experience without approval from the Dean or the Dean's delegate may be deemed not to have met the requirements of the unit and may not be permitted to sit the final end of year examination, and may receive a Fail due to Non-Completion (FN) grade for the unit.

### **3.4 Approved unit substitutions**

There are no approved unit substitutions permitted in this Award.

### **3.5 Alternative Pathways**

Alternative Pathways are not 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 enroll 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 (see Appendix B) and must be read in conjunction with the Policy: The Award of a Degree with Honours.

### 3.9.1 Admission to an Honours program

- (a) 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, Sydney.
- (b) Students fulfilling the selection criteria in 3.9.2 will be advised by the Dean that they may be eligible to apply for Honours during the first semester of their third year of study.

### 3.9.2 Selection criteria

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

- (a) Students with a final mark of at least 80% averaged between MED1000 and MED2000 can apply to the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) Program.
- (b) Students who attained an averaged final mark between 70% and 79% could be invited to apply.
- (c) Acceptance to the Honours Program will be conditional on obtaining a minimum mark of 70% in the final MED3000 examination.
- (d) Students who do not fulfil criterion (c) and have reasonable grounds could apply to the Dean of the School of Medicine, Sydney for special consideration.
- (e) Students who apply to the Honours Program will undergo an interview.
- (f) Previous research experience will be taken into consideration.
- (g) Admission to the Honours Program depends on available places. Eligibility does not guarantee a place. The Research Committee will rank the applicants and make a recommendation to the Dean.

### 3.9.3 Compulsory Honours coursework units

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

MED4001	Honours Research Project	0 credit points
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### 3.9.4 Compulsory research component

Each Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) student is required to:

- (a) Complete a research proposal detailing the background, rationale, and methodologies to be employed in conducting an original investigation, as well as any other information relevant to the research project, e.g. references to published work. In addition, each student is required to complete an ethics clearance application for the research project and obtain approval from the University Human Research and Ethics Committee. Each student will present their findings of the research project at an annual School of Medicine, Sydney Student Research Day, and complete a Honours level thesis of 10,000 words or an article that has been submitted to a peer reviewed journal article submitted to a journal included in the Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) Submission Journal List.
- (b) The option of the submission of a journal article requires a declaration by the student's supervisors as to the percentage (to be a majority) of research work and manuscript preparation (academic writing) that is the students original contribution.
- (c) Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) students will be required to complete a research proposal (10%), thesis or journal article (80%) and an oral presentation (10%).
- (d) In addition, each student is required to complete and obtain a Pass in each of three online modules which cover the following areas of medical research:
  - Basic research methodologies including formulating research questions, hypothesis, systematic literature review, and writing a research proposal.
  - Ethical requirements for conducting medical research.
  - Foundations in medical statistics.



- (e) To graduate with Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) students must achieve at least 70% in the assessments stipulated in (c) and pass the online tutorials specified in (d) above.

**3.9.5 Examination of Research component**

The Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) thesis/journal article 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**

Honours within the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery is awarded as graded Honours.

**END OF REGULATIONS**



**APPENDIX A:**

YEAR ONE		
Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points
MED1000	Foundations of a Medical Vocation	200
<b>Total Credit Points Year One</b>		<b>200</b>

  

YEAR TWO		
Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points
MED2000	Foundations of Clinical Practice	200
<b>Total Credit Points Year Two</b>		<b>200</b>

  

YEAR THREE		
Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points
MED3000	Apprenticeship in Clinical Practice	200
<b>Total Credit Points Year Three</b>		<b>200</b>

  

YEAR FOUR		
Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points
MED4000	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:**

**Honours Degree Structure**

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

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

In the fourth year of the MBBS, a student undertakes MED4000 concurrently with MED4001:

<b>HONOURS</b>		
<b>Unit Number</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>Credit Points</b>
MED4001	Honours Research Program	0
<b>Total Credit Points Honours Year</b>		0
<b>TOTAL COURSE CREDIT POINTS for Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (HONS):</b>		<b>800</b>