CHANGES TO THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (HONOURS) PROGRAMS FROM 2017

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

• What is AQF?
• AQF Levels

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Changes to the Bachelor of Social Work (Hons)

BSocWk $\iff$ BSocWk(Hons)
AQF Level 7 $\iff$ AQF Level 8

AQF Level 8: Bachelor Honours

- How has ‘Honours’ changed?
- Requirements for programs at AQF level 8
  - Advanced knowledge and skills
  - Research requirements (# 4 units)
  - Pathway for higher degrees
Honours class

• All students enrolled in an Honours program will graduate with an Honours class reported on the testamur.
• The **class** is determined by the GPA attained in a subset of the courses in your program’s course list.
• UQ Honours policy specifies that the grade achieved at the **first attempt** at a course is used **unless otherwise specified** in program rules.

This means that where a student has attempted a course more than once, or has undertaken supplementary assessment to pass a course (i.e. 3S4), the original grade will be used in the GPA calculation.

Converting GPA to Honours Class

**Classes of Honours**

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Student actions required

- All students wishing to change to the Honours degree will be required to lodge a program change request on mySI-net for Semester 1, 2017 entry.
  - Program change opens 2 January 2017.
- Students will be sent further information via email regarding the changes.
- All eligible credit will be transferred automatically and students will not be required to lodge a credit application.
- Same application process applies to international students. International Office will also issue a new offer letter to international students for students to accept/return.

Changes for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Work
Australian Association of Social Workers

- Accredited pathway for registration.

- Meets AASW accreditation standards.

Honours Award

2011-2014 students qualify for honours based on a minimum GPA in specified courses

- List of courses available on NMSW website

Students who transfer into the 2017 honours program will automatically graduate with honours.
Changes to the Course List: Years 1, 2 & 3

- HLTH1000 Professionals, People and Healthcare
  - This course replaces #2 units from BA elective
  - Students who have completed #2 elective will receive credit for HLTH1000.
- SWSP3303 Advanced Research in Social Work and Human Services
  - This course replaces SWSP3302.
  - Students who have completed SWSP3302 will receive credit for SWSP3303.

Changes to the Course List: Year 4

SWSP4034 Advanced Research and Evaluation for Social Work Practice

- This is a #4 unit yearlong course in Year 4.
- This course replaces
  - SWSP4033 Research & Evaluation for Social Work Practice
  - SWSP4100 Contemporary Social Work: Frameworks for Advanced Practice
- Credit will not be granted for SWSP4034.
Changes to the Course List: Advanced Field Specialisation

The Advanced Field Specialisation List courses will be #2 units instead of #4 units

- SWSP4181 Health and Aging
- SWSP4182 Child, Youth and Family
- SWSP4183 Mental Health

This will allow students to undertake a second Advanced Field Specialisation course or an additional #2 units in the minor.

The Final Year for Honours

Year 4 – Semester 1 and 2
SWSP4034 Advanced Research and Evaluation for Social Work Practice

Year 4 - Semester 1
POLY3000 Analysis and Practice in Social Policy
OR
SWSP4213 Community Development
And #4 units from Advanced Specialisation Field list or minor

Year 4, Semester 2
SWSP4266 Field Placement 2
Calculations of Class of Honours

- SWSP2088 Direct Practice 2
- SWSP3011 Working in Human Service Organisations
- SWSP3022 Moral and Ethical Foundations of Social Work
- SWSP3303 Advanced Research in Social Work and Human Services
- SWSP4034 Advanced Research and Evaluation for Social Work Practice
- #2 units from the foundations: SWSP3027, SWSP3028, SWSP3029 or SWSP3076
- #2 units from SWSP4181, SWSP4182 or SWSP4183

Should I Transfer?
The Pros and Cons

- Students who **commenced in 2011-2014** need to meet the minimum GPA to graduate with honours or transfer.
- Students who **commenced in 2015-2016** will need to transfer if they wish to complete honours.
- Students can transfer by submitting a program change request in mySI-net in Sem 1, 2017 from **2 Jan 2017**.
Questions?

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