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



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Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

- What is AQF?
- AQF Levels

Qualification type	AQF level
Bachelor Degree	Level 7
Bachelor Honours Degree	Level 8
Graduate Certificate	Level 8
Graduate Diploma	Level 8
Masters Degree (Coursework)	Level 9
Masters Degree (Extended)	Level 9
Masters Degree (Research)	Level 9
Doctorate (incl Professional Doctorate)	Level 10


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Changes to the Bachelor of Social Work (Hons)

BSocWk ⇒ BSocWk(Hons)
AQF Level 7 ⇒ AQF Level 8


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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

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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.

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Converting GPA to Honours Class

Classes of Honours

GPA	Class of Honours
6.200- 7.000	Class I
5.650- 6.199	Class IIA
5.000- 5.649	Class IIB
4.000- 4.999	Class IIIA
<4.000	Class IIIB


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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.

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Changes for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Work


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Australian Association of Social Workers

- Accredited pathway for registration.
- Meets AASW accreditation standards.

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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.


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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.

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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.

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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 student to undertake a second Advanced Field Specialisation course or an additional #2 units in the minor.

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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

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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

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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**.

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Questions?

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