

Why Study Accountancy Honours?

- To better fulfill your career ambitions
- To differentiate your tertiary education
- To have the option of an academic career
- To develop analytical and empirical skills
- To achieve higher job rewards (including remuneration)
- To develop expertise in an industry relevant topic
- To enhance a substantial graduate resume
- To enjoy a rewarding and memorable year at University

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Ms Natalie Jennings, School of Accountancy
Graduated from Honours in 2004, now working as an Acting Project Leader for Financial Arrangements for the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sports and Recreation

"The honours program was a wonderful way to kick-start my career while expanding my knowledge in a way I never expected. It is a program I would recommend to anyone and a year I wouldn't change in any way."



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Key Information about Accountancy Honours*

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Why do Honours in Accountancy?

The Honours degree in Accountancy is awarded to students who complete an additional (fourth or equivalent) year of study in addition to the normal three year Bachelor's degree.

The Honours program is specifically designed for high achievers. It builds on the undergraduate pass program by providing detailed coverage of theoretical, analytical and empirical research issues in Accountancy. This process provides students with high level analytical and empirical analysis skills beyond what can be expected from completion of the pass degree.

The program is focused on contemporary issues, in that the types of problems examined by students reflect real world business issues in accounting, auditing, finance and management. As a result, graduates from the Accounting Honours program are keenly sought by employers who place a premium on high level analytical and empirical skills.

Examples include (but are not limited to) management consulting, regulatory agencies, standard setting bodies, investment banking, government agencies and the more specialized areas of the large accounting firms. Also, an Honours degree provides a springboard for higher degrees (masters or doctoral degrees) which are increasingly demanded by leading academic, government and business organisations.

Research in the School of Accountancy

Another major reason for doing Honours in Accountancy is our diverse, real world focus in our research.

Our active research profile covers a broad range of topics, including research relevant to industry and business. Broadly speaking, our research focuses on the areas of management accounting, financial accounting, capital markets, auditing, taxation, business law, accounting information systems, electronic business and accounting for nonprofit organisations

What are the Entry Requirements?

A Bachelor of Business from QUT that includes a major in the area of intended Honours level study or a qualification deemed equivalent.

Students must have achieved a grade-point average (GPA) of 5.5 or better on a 7-point scale in the three years of undergraduate study or other qualifications and experience which is considered by the Dean of Faculty to qualify for admission.

Students would normally apply for admission to Honours at the end of the final year of their pass degree, or within 18 months of completing the pass degree.

International students must also meet Faculty prescribed English language proficiency levels

The following provides an outline of the coursework and thesis (dissertation) components in the typical full-time Honours program: The coursework has been specially designed to ensure you have the skills to produce a great thesis!

Honours course structure

Semester 1: Coursework: *Compulsory Core Units*

BSN502 Research Methodology
AYN433 Research Topics in Accounting
(Or other approved reading Unit)

And *either*

BSN414 Quantitative Research Methods *Or*
BSN412 Qualitative Research & Analytical Techniques

*Plus one unit from **Elective Units**:*

AYN505 Financial Analysis & Business Valuation
AYN507 Governance Issues in Accounting
BSN503 Research Seminar
BSN506 Econometric Methods
BSN005 Introduction to Academic Research
(Or other relevant approved Unit)

Semester 2: Dissertation (Thesis) BSN501 – 4 Dissertation (4 Units)

What is required in the Dissertation?

The dissertation requires you to complete an original piece of scholarly research in a chosen topic area. Topics are normally chosen early in the first semester and can originate from various sources. You might initiate the topic, or it may be suggested by a potential supervisor/s after consultation with you. Your supervisor will work closely with you during the second semester to ensure you are on track to complete the dissertation. The dissertation is normally between 10,000 and 20,000 words (50-100 pages). *For further information see the supplementary brochure:*

“Information about the Accountancy Honours Dissertation”

Is there any financial support?

Yes! The School currently offers scholarships of \$5000 per annum to outstanding students who enrol full-time in the honours year.

The Faculty of Business also provides financial support (\$600) for honours students through the [Research Student Funding Scheme](#).

There are also ample opportunities to be employed as a casual tutor or research assistant. .

We are here to help you succeed!

We take pride in our Honours students and have dedicated resources to make your Honours year in the School of Accountancy an enjoyable, stimulating and memorable one! We encourage our Honours students to participate in all School activities to build confidence and close rapport with their peers and academic colleagues.

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