**ACCOUNTING HONOURS – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Why do Accounting Honours?**
If you are eligible to do the undergraduate Honours courses in Accounting you should receive an email invitation. The invitation details the benefits of doing undergraduate Honours. To put it simply - the best students do Honours and the best students get the best jobs. The skills learned in Honours are invaluable in most careers in business and commerce. In Honours classes students get special attention, they are normally tutored by the lecturer-in-charge of the course or another senior faculty member, and they get to complete their courses in a more challenging environment with similarly motivated students. As a result, Honours students usually get better marks and better grades than Pass students. For example, in group project work you know that you will be also working with highly motivated students, you will therefore be able to maximise your mark as a result of both your high standard of input and those of all your fellow group members.

**How do I enrol in Honours?**
As per the letter of invitation, the enrolment in the 3rd Year Honours course must be done manually at this stage. If you have already enrolled in the Pass courses you will need to change your enrolment. Please contact Julie Vivas (email: j.vivas@unsw.edu.au, or phone: 9385 3754) regarding enrolments or take your letter of invitation along to the Faculty Office and have it done there for you. Once you have been enrolled in the Honours course you should be able to enrol in the specially designated Honours tutorial via the TAS system. You can select any that are still open. If you have any difficulty enrolling in tutorials contact the lecturer-in-charge of the course.

**What are the teaching arrangements for 3rd Year Honours?**
Third Year Honours students attend the same lectures as Pass students and specially designated tutorials, additionally, they also attend a one-hour seminar held (on average) once per week. (These procedures are subject to some variation across courses.)

**What about 4th Year Honours?**
Fourth Year Honours is an additional and intense full year of study. Although it can be done part-time over two years most students prefer to complete it on a full-time basis. For combined programs such as Commerce/Law, Honours is also normally completed in the fourth year of those programs. The study includes course work and a thesis component. There are a number of scholarships available and casual tutoring and research assistance work may also be available. Full details about the fourth year program are provided in a booklet obtainable from the School Office.

**How much additional work do I have to do?**
In third year you are required to do an additional seminar which averages one-hour per week. In this additional hour you usually spend the time discussing the specially assigned readings that complement the Pass work. Often these are research papers published in academic or professional journals. This reading material is usually provided free of charge. There is normally at least one separate examination question assigned to assess the additional Honours material in the third year accounting examinations. For more information about each accounting course, please contact the lecturer-in-charge.

**If I do not maintain the 75% average in the accounting courses, what happens?**
The 75% is a prerequisite to enter into Honours. If you do not maintain the 75% average for the accounting courses you must revert back to the Pass course. If you get less than 75% for any of the Honours courses, the mark and the grade you obtained for the Honours course are shown in your
record of results just like any other course. There is no notation shown on your official record to indicate that you have failed to meet the conditions to stay in the Honours stream.

If I join the Honours Program must I stay in it?
You are under no obligation to do the Honours course or stay in the Honours stream. You can drop out after you finish any course. If you do not want to accept the challenge (which of course involves additional work), please stay in the Pass program, but if you are one of those high achieving students that is highly motivated to succeed, the Honours stream may be for you.

Additional Information?
See the School’s Website for additional information about the Accounting Honours program (http://www.accounting.unsw.edu.au/students/prospective.htm).

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