School of Management Honours Program
Information Sheet

1. Purpose and Benefits

The aim of the Honours program is to develop the research and analytical skills of students. Graduates at this level will have advanced knowledge and skills for professional or highly skilled work and/or further learning.

The Honours program has potential to give students a competitive edge in the job market by standing out from the crowd. Employers recognise that an honours graduate has some additional qualities. In line with the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF), an honours graduate will have advanced cognitive, technical and communication skills to select and apply methods and technologies to:
- Analyse critically, evaluate and transform information to complete a range of activities.
- Analyse, generate and transmit solutions to complex problems.
- Transmit knowledge, skills and ideas to others.

Doing honours not only gives you an edge in the job market it also opens up a whole new set of opportunities for further study. For students who have a passion for a particular subject, doing honours can lead to advanced research degrees such as Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). This enables you to become a leading expert in your field.

2. Entrance Requirements

Students require a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a relevant major and a CWA of 70 per cent and above, together with recognised potential to succeed at Honours level, as determined by the School of Management Honours Committee. "Potential" is assessed on the basis of performance at undergraduate level and the successful completion of an interview with the Honours Committee. Applications might also be required to furnish recommendations from two academic referees. Applications will be assessed by the Honours Committee. Offers will be made to successful applicants.

Applications to join the Honours program must be lodged with the School of Management Honours Co-ordinator by mid-November. Students will be informed of the status of the application by end November.

3. Course Structure

The Honours program runs over two semesters for full-time students. Part time students will normally take two years to complete the program. The course is only available at the Bentley campus.

The course consists of 200 credit points, made up of four coursework units (each 25 credits) and a research project with dissertation (100 credits). The coursework units have a direct link
with the research and dissertation project. In particular, the topic, format and considerable preparatory work on the dissertation is accomplished in the Introduction to Research Methods 401 unit, after discussion between the student their supervisor.

(a) **Coursework Units** (4 x 25 credits = 100 credits)

- 313582 v. 1 Introduction to Research Methods 401
- 313598 v. 2 Quantitative Methods for Research 402
- OR
- 12285 v. 5 Strategic Global Business 650
- 313599 v. 1 Advanced Qualitative Methods for Research 403
- 313808 v. 1 Reading for Research 401

(b) **Research Thesis** (100 credits)

- 313601 v. 1 Honours Dissertation in Business 490

The dissertation is undertaken during Semester 1 & 2, with completion required at the end of October. It should be around 20,000 words.

**4. Classification of Degrees**

An Honours degree is given a classification according to the quality of the work. There are four classifications:

- First Class Honours A = 80%+
- Upper Second Class Honours B1 = 70-79%
- Lower Second Class Honours B2 = 60-69%
- Third Class Honours C = 50-59%

**5. Project Supervision**

Each student is supervised by an academic staff member of the School of Management. Supervisors are responsible for assisting in the choice of project. They also provide academic counselling and monitor the progress of the students towards completion of the project. The choice of a supervisor is very important. You will be assigned a supervisor who has expertise in the area you are doing your research project. You might also have an associate supervisor to assist the main supervisor.

**Want to know more?**

**Come to the Honours information session at 12. 30 pm (90 minutes) on Wednesday 24th September, Building ____________**

**Or**

**Contact the School of Management Honours Coordinator Dr. Subra Ananthram (S.Ananthram@curtin.edu.au or Ph: 9266 1312).**