

## Criteria for Awarding Honours Grades – 2009 onwards

In all the candidate must satisfactorily complete 32 cps.

- 16 cps is allotted to the thesis,
- 4 to Research Methods (RM095) assessed on a pass/fail basis, and
- 12 cps to coursework.

Results in the coursework and thesis are weighed according to the following formula:

The percentage mark given to the thesis is multiplied by four (as the thesis is worth 16cps, 4 times that for normal coursework units). This is then added to the total of the percentage marks granted to the coursework units. Where an honours student has taken an 8cp 700 level unit, that mark is doubled before being included in the total.

The average percentage for the whole course is arrived at by dividing the above total by 7. For example:

*Student A:*  
Unit 1 (4cp) 78%  
Unit 2 (4cp) 69%  
Unit 3 (4cp) 75%  
Thesis (16cp) 77% (x4) = 308  
Total = 530  
Average = 75.71%  
Honours level = IIA

*Student B:*  
Unit 1 (4cp) 81%  
Unit 2 (8cp) 83% (x2) = 166  
Thesis (16cp) 88% (x4) = 352  
Total = 599  
Average = 85.57%  
Honours level = I

### Honours levels:

Given that:

0–49% (F)      50–57% (P)  
58–64% (P+)    65–74% (C)  
75–84% (D)    85+% (HD)

then the following honours levels apply:

First Class Honours	(I)	=	85% or above
Upper Second Class Honours	(IIA)	=	75-84%
Lower Second Class Honours	(IIB)	=	65-74%
Third Class Honours	(III)	=	50-64%

Students who fail the thesis are ineligible for the award.

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