Boost your career prospects and enhance your research skills with an Honours year in Accounting or Finance.

Honours courses in Accounting and Finance are available to high achieving students. Completing honours demonstrates to employers that you are a high achiever, committed to realising your goals, able to take responsibility for a project and capable of working to a high standard.

You will develop the ability to:
- Prepare and conduct a research study in your chosen area of specialisation
- Identify and use appropriate research methodologies including analytical techniques
- Critically evaluate other research in your chosen specialisation
- Demonstrate a high level of knowledge of the applications of research in academic domains as well as in community and commercial cases

Course structure
Each honours course consists of 48 points including a research dissertation of between 15,000 and 25,000 words (24 points) and four advanced coursework units (24 points).

Accounting
Students must complete a 24 point dissertation in addition to the following four coursework units:
- FINA4590 Research Methods in Accounting and Finance
- ACCT4471 Advanced Accounting Research
- ACCT4472 Contemporary Issues in Accounting
- FINA4491 Capital Markets Research

Finance
Students must complete a 24 point dissertation in addition to four coursework units, chosen from the following:

Options (choose three)
- FINA4401 Microstructure of Financial Markets
- FINA4481 Advanced Investments
- FINA4482 Advanced Corporate Finance
- FINA4491 Capital Markets Research
- ECON4415 International Finance and Markets

What can you research?
Past research topics that have been undertaken by students completing honours in Accounting or Finance include:
- Are mergers in biotechnology value maximising?
- Does portfolio allocation of managed fund investors in Australia reflect market sentiment?
- Insider trading and firm’s information environment
- Socially responsible firms: Are they really different?
- The impact of board and shareholder characteristics on Australian dividend policy
Delivery mode

Honours can be completed in one year of full-time study, or the equivalent in part-time study. Classes are held on campus.

While completing your dissertation, you will also have regular meetings with your academic supervisor, who will guide you through the research and writing process.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for entry to an honours course, you must have completed your undergraduate degree with a relevant major to a sufficiently high level, as determined by the Faculty. As a guide, the Business School normally requires an average mark of at least 70-75 per cent in the units comprising the relevant major.

How to apply

Honours applications are available online through Student Connect.

Applications for 2016 open on 23 September 2015 and close in January 2016 (to be confirmed).

Enquiries

This publication is intended as a general guide only. Full details of the Accounting and Finance honours courses and available units can be found in the UWA Undergraduate Handbook (see handbooks.uwa.edu.au).

It is strongly recommended that you speak with the Honours Co-ordinator before applying for an honours course. For further information, contact:

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"I have enjoyed the opportunity to develop relationships with academic staff and lasting friendships with my peers, the challenge of devising and actualising a novel thesis topic and the steep learning curve of conducting independent research.

My participation in the Finance Honours program has afforded me a number of benefits, including securing a graduate position in the competitive field of investment banking, working for the UWA Business School as a tutor and research assistant, and attending an Honours Conference in Canberra."

Ben Milton
Finance honours graduate
Investment Banking Analyst at Credit Suisse

Scholarships

There are numerous scholarships you can apply for when undertaking an honours course within the Business School. A selection of these are listed below, and for a full list of scholarships and detailed eligibility criteria, visit scholarships.uwa.edu.au

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