Overview

At UNSW, Honours in Actuarial Studies provides an introductory but rigorous training in the research process. Research training provides the opportunity to be recognised as a leader in a specialised area of theory and/or practice of relevance to the actuarial profession. It promotes the development of analytical skills and provides high level training in research methods. It encourages the development of a rigorous and scientific approach to problem solving.

In 2013, completion of Honours in Actuarial Studies is offered as part of the Bachelor of Commerce (Honours). The program is open to both local and international students, subject to the admission requirements that are outlined below.

Entry into the Actuarial Studies Honours program is competitive and is subject to availability of academic staff for supervision.
Faculty
UNSW Business School

School
School of Risk and Actuarial Studies

Study Level
Undergraduate

Minimum Units of Credit
48

Specialisation Type
Honours
**Specialisation Structure**

Students must complete 48 UOC.

**Core Courses**

Students must take 30 UOC of the following courses.

- **ACTL4003**  |  6 UOC  
  Research Methods in Risk and Actuarial Studies

- **ACTL4010**  |  6 UOC  
  Thesis (Actuarial Studies) A

- **ACTL4011**  |  6 UOC  
  Thesis (Actuarial Studies) B

- **ACTL4012**  |  12 UOC  
  Thesis (Actuarial Studies) C

**Prescribed Electives**

Students must take 18 UOC of the following courses.

Any relevant course at Honours or Masters level in, e.g., RISK, ECON, FINS or MATH are also possible choices.

Elective courses selected must be relevant to the honours topic and approved by the proposed supervisor(s) when they sign off the EOI Form. Any alteration to this study plan is subject to approval by the Honours Coordinator after consultation with the supervisor(s). Note that students should not be enrolled in more than two elective courses in Semester 2.

- **ACTL4001**  |  6 UOC  
  Actuarial Theory and Practice A

- **ACTL4002**  |  6 UOC  
  Actuarial Theory and Practice B
ACTL4303  |  6 UOC  
Asset-Liability Management

ACTL5301  |  6 UOC  
Models for Risk Management

ACTL5302  |  6 UOC  
Risk and Capital Management

any level 4 Economics course

any level 5 Economics course

any level 6 Economics course

any level 4 Finance course

any level 5 Finance course

any level 5 Mathematics course

any level 6 Mathematics course

any level 5 Risk Management course

Enrolment Disclaimer

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Additional Information

Entry Requirements

In addition to the requirements set by the University of New South Wales and the UNSW Business School for enrolment in the program, the School of Risk and Actuarial Studies expects applicants to:

1. Be eligible for exemption from all Part I courses from the Actuaries Institute;
2. Have a weighted average mark (WAM) of at least 80 in all core actuarial courses (the ones are considered for the purpose of exemption from the Part I examinations of the Actuaries Institute) in the degree in which they are currently enrolled;
3. Have a weighted average mark (WAM) of at least 80 in the degree in which they are currently enrolled.

Furthermore, candidates must follow the application procedure described on the website of the School of Risk and Actuarial Studies.

Professional Recognition

The Institute of Actuaries of Australia

Academic Rules

Please refer to the Stream Structure for the Academic requirements.

Further Information

Please note that these requirements may be subject to change. Students are advised to follow requirements according to the year they commenced. Please refer to previous editions of the Online Handbook for your program requirements.

Contact the UNSW Business School Student Centre for advice.
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location: Level 1, room 1028, Quadrangle Building
Forms, policies and procedures
Frequently asked questions
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