A. Award of Honours

The award of Honours in the LLB is based on ALL FOUR of the following requirements:

1. Completion of both degrees of the Dual Law Program or the Graduate Law Program (LLB);
2. Attainment of the Honours Weighted Average Mark (WAM) in Law;
3. Sufficient performance of research-based assessment tasks; and
4. Not being found guilty of plagiarism or serious misconduct on more than one occasion and not more than one failure in the Law Program.

1. Completion of Law Program

Dual Law applicants must have completed all the requirements of both degrees of the Dual Law Program to be eligible for an award of Honours.

Graduate Law applicants must have completed all degree requirements of Graduate Law (LLB) Program to be eligible for an award of Honours.

All applications for honours must be made in the final semester of enrolment and be before the closing date Friday 16 November 2018 for both Semester 2 2018 and Summer 2018/19 applicants. Applications made after this date will not be accepted, including from applicants who are not enrolled in the final semester.

2. Honours Weighted Average Mark

Determination of Honours WAM will be calculated by using the WAM from compulsory courses as 60% of the Honours WAM and the WAM from elective courses as 40% of Honours WAM.

Example:

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<th>Course</th>
<th>WAM (%)</th>
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<td>Compulsory (including the prescribed elective)</td>
<td>75.15</td>
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<td>Elective</td>
<td>76.80</td>
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<td>Law Honours WAM (75.15 X 60%) + (76.80 x 40%)</td>
<td>75.81</td>
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Note: All graded law courses taken at UNSW Law will count towards the Law Honours WAM.
3. Sufficient performance of research-based assessment tasks

For the purpose of awarding Honours in the Law School, a ‘research-based assessment task’ refers to an item of assessment that requires applicants to conduct independent research of primary and secondary materials (with which they have not been provided) in order to compose a written response to a single question. The question may be one selected from a number or one devised by the student with the course convenor’s approval. The answer must be written in a legal academic essay style, with appropriate reliance on sources and full citation. Examples of assessable tasks that will NOT satisfy this definition include problem-based exercises, take-home exams, and assignments comprising a series of short-answer questions.

Applicants can meet the requirement of sufficient performance of research-based assessment tasks as follows:

a) By demonstrating that you have already completed at credit level or above:
   (i) **One Law Research Thesis course** of 6UOC or above; or
   (ii) **Research-based assessment tasks with a cumulative total of 9000 words or more**, where each task is at least 3000 words. Assessments can be taken in any courses and any semester in the LLB.

b) Evidence of Research Requirement:
   Applicants need to provide with their Honours application excluding the 2UOC, 4UOC or 6UOC research theses:
   (i) marked research essays at credit level or above with grades clearly visible and;
   (ii) cover sheet showing the length of research essay.

Results for research theses and research essays over 3000 words completed in Semester 2 2018 or Summer 2018/2019 will be notified directly to Student Services. All other research completed prior to the current semester requires the evidence outlined above.

**Online marked research essays**
Screenshots of research essays marked online can be uploaded through the [Honours nomination form](#). The screenshot must clearly show the word limit and mark received at credit level or above.

If completed research essays are not available, applicants must obtain written verification from the marker stating: (i) details of the research paper outlining word length requirement; (ii) the semester it was completed; and (iii) result achieved for the research paper.

**IMPORTANT:**

- Research essays completed while on Exchange will **NOT** be accepted for the purpose of Honours Nomination.
- No assessment completed outside of UNSW (i.e. not supervised or marked by UNSW staff) will be accepted.
- It is the student’s responsibility to keep all original research essays for the purpose of Honours Nomination. It is **NOT** the marker/Student Services responsibility to provide research paper marks obtained prior to current semester.
4. Academic Conduct and Single Failure Rule
No student will be eligible for the award of Honours if he or she has:
   a. Been found guilty of plagiarism or serious misconduct on more than one occasion; OR
   b. Failed more than one course in the LLB

Classes of Honours
The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) will be awarded with the following classes of Honours:

- **Honours Class 1** – Honours WAM of **79.00** or above
- **Honours Class 2, Division 1** – Honours WAM of **77.00** to **78.99**
- **Honours Class 2, Division 2** – Honours WAM of **75.00** to **76.99**

B. How to Apply
If you wish to be considered for the award of Honours, you must apply to Law Student Services by **16 November 2018** by completing the online [Honours application form](#) and please note that the closing date is the same for both Semester 2 2018 and Summer 2018/2019 applicants. In the application, you will be asked to identify the courses in which you have already met the requirement of sufficient performance in research-based assessment tasks, or in which you will meet this requirement in Semester 2 2018 or Summer 2018/2019.

Applicants must provide evidence of meeting the research requirement as detailed above in 3b. Applicants will need evidence of all research essays nominated (except research theses) which have been completed prior to Semester 2 2018 and Summer 2018/2019. Research essays completed in Semester 2 2018 and/or Summer 2018/2019 will be obtained by Law Student Services on behalf of the applicant.

Applying for Honours while on Exchange
Applicants who are on overseas exchange and wish to apply for honours must nominate a proxy (friend or family member) to deliver research essays during the application period 10 August to 16 November, either by mail or in person. The mailing address is:

Attn: Lee Wright  
Law Student Services  
Level 2, Law Building (Map Ref. F8)  
UNSW Australia  
Sydney NSW 2052

Please note that if you have applied and met the Honours eligibility, you will not be able to withdraw your nomination and reject the award of Honours.

C. Notification of Outcome

**Semester 2 2018 completing applicants**: via UNSW email on Friday 14 December 2018 for both successful and unsuccessful applicants.

**Summer 2018/19 completing applicants**: via UNSW email on Friday 8 March 2019 for both successful and unsuccessful applicants.

If you have any queries about any of the above, please contact [Law Student Services](#) as soon as possible.

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