

Bachelor of Social Work Honours Program

The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program offers an integrated Honours option for high achieving students (in Stand-Alone or Concurrent Mode). It requires the completion of an additional 36 UOC to be undertaken over the Summer and First semester of Level 5. It involves integrated coursework, a seminar and the completion of a thesis. BSW Honours is awarded in three classes (Class 1, Class 2 in two Divisions, and Class 3). If requirements for these classes are not met, the Pass degree will be awarded if the student is not already a Graduate of the program.

To qualify for the award of the BSW degree with Honours, a Stand-Alone or Concurrent student must:

1. Be enrolled in, or be a Graduate of the Bachelor of Social Work
2. Hold a WAM of 70 or higher in the BSW core
3. Once admitted to the BSW Honours Program students will complete two integrated Honours courses in the third and fourth level of the degree (or concurrent degree equivalent): SOCW3005 Research Honours in place of SOCW3007, and SOCW4005 Social Policy Honours in place of SOCW4006 (12 UOC)
4. Complete seminar requirements (6 UOC)
5. Complete a thesis (30 UOC) by the end of semester 1, level 5 (or the concurrent degree equivalent)

Students with a WAM of 70 and identified as commencing level 3 of their degree program will be invited via email to consider their possible participation in the BSW Honours Program. Those students who wish to enrol in the Honours Program will be asked to submit a formal application at the end of the first semester at Level 3.

There are normally up to 10 students enrolled in each BSW Honours cohort and research topics span theoretical inquiries as well as qualitative and quantitative projects covering social issues and practice contexts such as trauma-related interventions and experiences, mental health, disability, international social work, advocacy and community development, family therapy, resilience and hope, child and family welfare, domestic and sexual violence, social policy, legislative change and reform.

HOW TO ENROL

Submit an Intention to do Honours Form to the Honours coordinator (Jan Breckenridge, j.breckenridge@unsw.edu.au Morven Brown, Room G41).

The form is available from the Honours coordinator.

For further information about the BSW Honours, contact Honours Coordinator, Dr Jan Breckenridge - j.breckenridge@unsw.edu.au or 9385-1863.