

Honours Dissertation (HD) Grading Scheme

The HD is worth 12 Units, equivalent to 3 regular courses. It may be completed over 1 or 2 semesters (preferably 2 semesters).

HD will be graded by the supervisor and one examiner. Assessment of HD includes components on continuous assessment, an oral presentation and a written report. The written report will be assessed on: (1) Originality & understanding of topic; (2) Conceptualisation & definition of problem; (3) Methodology & analysis; (4) Writing & presentation and; (5) Contribution to practice & research.

The following table displays the weights for each assessment component.

	Continuous Assessment	Oral Presentation	Written Report
HD Supervisor	20%	10%	30%
HD Examiner	n.a.	10%	30%
Total	20%	20%	60%

The supervisor and examiner may communicate with each other to converge on a grade. If the difference in grading could not be resolved, where necessary, the final grade will be moderated by the HD Coordinator in consultation with the respective Head of Department.

Each student is given 20 minutes for HD presentation and 10 minutes for Q & A. The department where the supervisor (or key supervisor for co-supervised HD) belongs to will be responsible for administering the presentation. These include fixing a time for the presentation where the student, supervisor and examiner will be available, logistics arrangements such as room reservation, etc. As the presentation will be open to all department faculty, the department will also inform its faculty of the student presentation schedule. It is possible to schedule concurrent presentation sessions as long as there are no clashes in the supervisors'/examiners' schedule.

To help Honours students prepare for their oral presentation, the day for the presentation should be scheduled by the Wednesday of the Reading Week in each regular semester where the HDs are due for submission (and by Wednesday of Week 3 in Special Term (Part 2) for HDs submitted in the Special Term).

Table 1 shows the grade point and mark range to be used for HD. Table 2 shows the criteria for the award of the various honours classification.

Table 1: Grade and Mark Range

Grade	Grade Point	Mark Range
A+	5.00	85 and above
A	5.00	80 to < 85
A-	4.50	75 to < 80
B+	4.00	70 to < 75
B	3.50	65 to < 70
B-	3.00	60 to < 65
C+	2.50	55 to < 60
C	2.00	50 to < 55
D+	1.50	45 to < 50
D	1.00	40 to < 45
F	0.00	Below 40

Table 2: Honors Classification for Intake Cohorts in 2012/13 or later

Classification	Cumulative Average Point
Honours (Highest Distinction)	4.50 & above ¹
Honours (Distinction)	4.00 – 4.49
Honours (Merit)	3.50 – 3.99
Honours	3.00 – 3.49
Pass	2.00 – 2.99