

The Bachelor of Business (Hons) degree offered by the School of Accounting and Corporate Governance provides students with the opportunity to pursue a fourth year of advanced study in Accounting and Corporate Governance.

### What is Honours in Accounting?

The course emphasises the acquisition and development of knowledge and skills in accounting and accountability at a level beyond that of the undergraduate Bachelor of Business degree. Knowledge and skills are developed through the study of research that is at the cutting edge of disciplinary scholarship and by undertaking independent academic research.

### How Can Honours in Accounting Benefit my Career?

Honours in accounting offers enormous benefits in terms of enhanced career prospects, opportunities for postgraduate studies, and personal development. Many of Australia's current business leaders are honours graduates and there is no doubt that the honours program provides graduates with a competitive edge for those seeking employment. Also, honours graduates are more likely to 'fast track' their career advancement than their pass degree colleagues. Graduates from the program are held in high regard by employers and have secured employment in significant positions that would not normally have been available to pass degree students. For example, past honours graduates have held positions as technical consultants in large accounting firms, in academia and in other senior positions in the profession and industry.

### How is the Course Structured?

A Bachelor of Business (Hons) degree is studied over one year full time or two years part time. Candidates undertaking the program through the School of Accounting & Corporate Governance are required to undertake a unit in Research Methods and participate in Research Seminars. Candidates must also complete a dissertation and three other units. The units are chosen from the following elective units depending upon availability and student interest:

Advanced Financial Accounting  
Advanced Accounting Theory

Corporate Governance and Accountability  
Advanced Auditing  
Government Financial Management  
Advanced Management Accounting  
Advanced Taxation Accounting  
Advanced Accounting Information Systems  
Aspects of Voluntary Corporate Disclosure

The dissertation must be in a form and on a topic approved by the Head of School. Previous dissertation topics have investigated:

Incentives for Accounting Policy Choices  
Environmental Disclosure in Annual Reports  
Share Price Effects of Disclosures  
Earnings Management  
Taxation Choices  
Usefulness of Public Sector Annual Reports  
Management Compensation Packaging  
Information Systems Strategies

Candidates who have reached the required standard of proficiency are awarded honours with one of the following grades:

First Class  
Second Class, Upper Division  
Second Class, Lower Division  
Third Class

### What Financial Assistance is available?

The School of Accounting & Corporate Governance offers financial and fee assistance through scholarships for outstanding candidates. Candidates may also have the opportunity to earn additional income undertaking research assistance and other roles within the School. Candidates may thus not only develop important skills and knowledge, but also gain valuable work experience.

University of Tasmania Scholarships and Honours Bursaries are also available. Students should contact the Scholarships Office for information regarding the assistance available, or visit the scholarships website:

[www.scholarships.utas.edu.au](http://www.scholarships.utas.edu.au)

## What are the Entry Requirements?

Candidates should hold a Bachelor of Business (or equivalent approved qualification) with an average of distinction or higher in at least half of the final year units of the pass degree. In exceptional circumstances candidates with alternative qualifications may apply to the Head of the School of Accounting & Corporate Governance to be admitted to the honours program.

## Where can I get more information?

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More information on the process of admission into the University is provided in the Admission Guide which is available with the Application for Admission Form from Student Administration or on the University Website at:

[www.prospective.utas.edu.au](http://www.prospective.utas.edu.au)

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