

## Standards for the Award of Honours

The University has adopted a consistent standard across the University for the Award of Honours in Bachelors (Honours), Postgraduate and Masters Degrees.

- The standard is:
  - First Class Honours: GPA of 7.0 or above
  - Second Class Honours (first division): GPA of 5.5 – 6.9
  - Second Class Honours (second division): GPA of 4.0 – 5.4
- Distinction and Merit for Postgraduate Diplomas and other qualifications eligible for the award of Distinction and Merit are to be awarded consistently across the University on the basis of:
  - Distinction: GPA of 7.0 or above
  - Merit: GPA of 5.5 – 6.9
- Rounding is permitted to one decimal place in determining the overall GPA of a qualification (e.g. 5.46 may be rounded to 5.5; 5.75 may not be rounded to 6.0)
- Departments and Schools should use either generic sets of descriptions to describe grades awarded at the postgraduate level or develop descriptors which clearly indicate what is expected to achieve a particular class of Honours, Distinction or Merit (Note: Senate approved in March 2006 the development of such descriptors by all Schools and Departments. Generic descriptors are set out in Appendix 1 of the University Policy on the Assessment of Teaching and Learning).
- These standards apply to students who enrol in postgraduate qualifications from 1 January 2007.