

Revisions to General Academic Regulations

1.0 Minimum Requirements for Entering and Continuing in a Program Beyond Level I

1.1 Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences

Honours B.A. Programs; B.MUS. (Honours) Program; BFA (Honours) Program (Excluding Honours Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour (B.A.) Programs):

You must have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 5.0 to continue in an Honours program. If your GPA is ~~4.5~~ 4.0 to 4.9, you may remain in the Honours program, but will be placed on program probation for one reviewing period. You may be on program probation only once. If your GPA is 3.0 to ~~3.9~~ 4.4, you must transfer to another program for which you qualify. If your GPA is less than 3.0, you may not continue at the University.

Honours Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour (B.A.) Programs and Combined Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour Programs:

You must have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 6.0 to continue in an Honours Psychology, Neuroscience & Behavior (B.A) program. If your GPA is 5.5 to 5.9, you may remain in the Honours B.A. program, but will be placed on program probation. You may be on program probation only one reviewing period. If your GPA is 3.0 to 5.4, you must transfer into another program for which you qualify. If your GPA is less than 3.0, you may not continue at the University.

Honours B.S.W., B.A./B.S.W. and B.S.W. Programs:

You must have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 6.0 to continue in an Honours B.S.W., B.A./B.S.W. or B.S.W program. If your GPA is 5.5 to 5.9, you may remain in the program, but will be placed on program probation for one reviewing period. You may be on program probation only once. If your GPA is 3.0 to 5.4, you must transfer to another program for which you qualify. If your GPA is less than 3.0, you may not continue at the University.

B.A. Programs:

You must have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.5 to continue in, or graduate from, a three-level B.A. program. If your GPA is 3.0 to 3.4, you may remain in the program, but will be placed on academic probation. You may be on academic probation only once. If your GPA is less than 3.0, you may not continue at the University.

Rationale for Changes: *The transition to university can be challenging for students, and most notably during the initial years of postsecondary studies. A minimal extension of the probationary GPA acknowledges that this transition period does need to immediately exclude students from Honours programs. The Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences are jointly putting forward this change for all Honours Bachelor of Arts programs, with noted program exclusions.*

[This change is reflected in both General Regulations and Faculty Academic Regulations]

1.2 Second Bachelor's Degree Programs

For admission to a second undergraduate degree program you must hold a first undergraduate degree whether it be a three-level, four-level, or five-level degree. The minimum admission requirements and program of study for the second degree depend on the subject areas of the two degrees.

- **Honours Degree following a Three-Level Degree in the Same Subject:** For entry into an Honours B.A. Degree following a three-level degree in the same subject, a Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 in the first degree program is required. For entry into all other degree programs, a Grade Point Average of at least 6.0 in the first degree program is required. If admitted, you must take at least 30 units beyond the first degree, including all Honours requirements specified for the program. In some Faculties, this includes a minimum number of units of work in the discipline.
- **B.A. or B.Sc. in Another Subject:** For entry, you must meet the admission requirements for the program. If admitted, you must complete at least 30 units beyond the first degree, including all program requirements. In some Faculties, this includes a minimum number of units of work in the discipline.
- **Honours B.A. or B.Sc. in Another Subject:** For entry, you must meet the admission requirements for the program and have a Grade Point Average of at least 6.0 for admission to applicable Honours B.Sc. programs, or a Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 for admission to applicable Honours B.A. programs. If admitted, you must complete at least 60 units beyond the first degree, including all Honours requirements specified for the program.
- **B.M.R.Sc.:** Students will be required to complete a minimum of 24 units during Level I of the program. Some of these units may be extra to the degree requirements.
- **B. Eng., B.Tech., and B.A.Sc.:** For entry, you must meet the admission requirements for the program. If admitted, you must complete at least 60 units beyond the first degree including all program requirements.

Notes

1. All work for the second degree must be completed at McMaster University.
2. A second degree is not available in all subject areas. You will not be admitted to a second degree program where there is substantial overlap in the requirements. See individual Faculty/Program regulations or consult Faculty/Program Offices for exclusions or further information.
3. Minors will not be revoked to permit later registration in a three-level second degree in the same subject. Students may return for a second degree in a subject in which they have obtained a Minor, but only at the Honours level. (See Minors)
4. Extra courses taken while you are enrolled in a first degree program, or courses completed as a Continuing Student, may, with the approval of the Faculty, be applied to the second degree program.
5. You must meet the same standards for continuation and graduation as are applied to students enrolled in a first degree program.

6. Credit from the first two degrees cannot be applied to a third undergraduate degree. To obtain a third undergraduate degree you must take the complete program. i.e. approximately 90 units for a three-level degree and approximately 120 units for a four-level degree.

Rationale for Changes: Additional clarification of language reflects current requirements for B.A. degree first-degree programs.

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