

BSc Honours & Postgraduate Diploma in Science
Mid Year Program 2008/2009



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The BSc Honours course begins on **Wednesday 30th July 2008** and concludes on **Friday 26th June, 2008**.

HURDLE REQUIREMENTS: The 2008/09 Mid year Chemistry B.Sc. Honours & Postgraduate Diploma year will commence on **Wednesday 30th July at 9.15am** with the Induction & Safety program. It is intended that this program will encompass all aspects of laboratory safety, Intellectual Property, technical writing and general information regarding the Honours/Postgraduate Diploma Program and the School of Chemistry. As the Induction & Safety Program is a hurdle requirement, attendance at all lectures and achieving a pass (min 65%) in the examination is **compulsory**. A detailed timetable which advises the lecture details and venue will be distributed to students prior to the first lecture.

Advanced Coursework Subject (Chemistry) - 610-497 (50% of assessment)

Assessed Courses

Students must select five lecture subjects from the list offered. Each subject includes a series of 12 lectures and 3 tutes. Each subject will be examined by a formal written examination. All five subjects are of equal value, each one contributing one-fifth of the total marks available for the advanced coursework subject. Additional information with regard to the coursework component including examination process and actual subjects offered will be provided to the students later in 2008 or early 2009.

Research Project Subject - 610-496 Chemistry (50% of assessment) which comprises, research report/oral examination 35%, supervisor assessment 12.5% and seminar 2.5%

Project Outline - (1500 word maximum)

Students are required to submit a 1500 word project outline detailing the objectives and background, including relevant literature, of their research project. This project outline is a compulsory hurdle requirement and it is intended that it will assist the student as they approach writing their thesis. Project outlines are to be submitted to Vicki Burley by 12 noon Wednesday 8th October, 2008.

Seminar

BSc Honours and Postgraduate Diploma seminars will be scheduled at a time and date to be confirmed but during semester one 2009. Fifteen minutes is allocated for presentation and five minutes for discussion. Please note that speakers will not be permitted to exceed these limits. The seminar should set the work in context and should be presented at a level and with sufficient background material that the work can be comprehended by an audience of chemists, including research students, unfamiliar with the specific area of research. It is expected that students will discuss their talks with their supervisors beforehand.

Research Reports

BSc Honours and Postgraduate Diploma theses (**four copies**) are to be submitted to Vicki Burley, room 253, by 12 noon on Wednesday 27th May, 2009. Reports must be typed, double-spaced on A4 paper. The maximum length of typed text, including tables, figures etc is 30 pages. Additional material will not be read by examiners.

Oral Examination

An oral examination will be held in the week commencing 1st June 09. The thesis and oral examination will be assessed by a panel of examiners and together are worth 35 percent of the overall honours mark. Details of the actual date and times will be distributed to students in the preceding month.