Progression to the Honours year

Entry into the Accounting Honours programme is at the discretion of the Head of Department of Accounting and Finance. The department offers all students the prospect of entry into honours although this will normally depend upon achieving a satisfactory level of performance in years 1, 2 and 3. Students who achieve specified standards of performance are automatically offered a place to study for honours. Students who do not meet the specified standards may request an interview with the honours course director to discuss the possibility of entry. The purpose of the interview is to ascertain the student’s suitability for the demanding nature of study in the honours year and to consider whether the mitigating factors affecting the performance of earlier years have been dealt with or whether they might continue to have an adverse effect.

Note that students with consistently poor performance which cannot be explained to the satisfaction of the course director will not normally be offered an honours place.

Criteria for Automatic Entry
Pass all Accounting classes at the first attempt, and achieve an average mark of 55% in Accounting 3, 4, 5, 6, 7(AG300) and 8 (AG301) with at least two of those marks at 60% or more.

Entry by Interview
Students who have not met the criteria for automatic entry but who wish to study for honours must request an interview with the honours course director. The course director will normally look for some evidence of good performance and/or potential to perform well at the honours level. Students offered an honours place by interview may be asked to agree a statement of commitment and work plan.

When decisions will be made.
Students will be informed of their entry into the Honours Accounting programme by letter after the publication of the examination results towards the end of June/beginning of July. This is the earliest that entry into the honours year can be confirmed as students can only proceed if they have completed all of the core Accounting degree classes and have met the university credit requirement for progression.

Note that students CANNOT proceed to the honours year carrying any subjects (even if they have successfully completed all compulsory accounting classes) and so any entry decision will be postponed until after the August resit exam diet.

Students wishing to pursue a Joint Honours programme must also satisfy the progression requirements of their second principal subject.