COURSE REGULATIONS:
BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
(BSocSc)

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (HONOURS)
[BSocSc(hons)]

COURSE CODES: 3239 & 3313

Applicability: These Course Regulations apply to all students who are enrolled in this degree.
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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Introduction
These Bachelor of Social Science Degree Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Science Degree at the University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the General University Regulations and the School of Arts and Sciences Regulations.

1.2 Interpretation
The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University’s General Regulations and the School of Arts and Sciences Regulations.

1.3 Alternations made to Course Regulations
Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Bachelor of Social Science degree, the amendments will automatically apply to all students enrolling for the first time in the degree in the year immediately following the adoption of the amendments.

1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University
The Bachelor of Social Science degree is available on the Fremantle and Sydney Campuses only.
CHAPTER 2: ENTRY CRITERIA

The standard entry criteria as detailed in the General Regulations apply to the Bachelor of Social Science course.
CHAPTER 3: DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Structure (Appendix A)

3.1.1 Compulsory units

The following units are compulsory within the Bachelor of Social Science:

Core Curriculum units:

Seventy five (75) credit points worth of Core Curriculum units as specified in the General Regulations of the University.

At least one eight-unit major in an approved Social Science discipline 200 credit points

Three x four-unit Social Science specialisations 300 credit points

One Arts elective 25 credit points

Total 600 Credit Points

3.1.2 Elective units

(a) A student must complete one elective unit within the Bachelor of Social Science.

(b) This elective must be chosen from the unit offerings published annually by the School of Arts & Sciences and approved by the Course Coordinator.

3.1.3 Majors

A student enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Science must choose a Major from the following Social Science disciplines, the requirements for which are published on the University website.

(i) Aboriginal Studies
(ii) Behavioural Science
(iii) Communications
(iv) English Literature
(v) Environmental Science
(vi) Geography
(vii) History
(viii) Italian
(ix) Legal Studies
(x) Philosophy
(xi) Politics
(xii) Social Justice
(xiii) Sociology
(xiv) Theatre Studies
(xv) Theology

3.1.4 Minors

There are no minors available within the Bachelor of Social Science.

3.1.5 Specialisations

(a) A student must complete three specialisations (each consisting of 4 units) within the Bachelor of Social Science degree chosen from the following list, the requirements of which are published on the University website.

(i) Aboriginal Studies
(ii) Archaeology
(iii) Behavioural Science
(iv) Communications
(v) English Literature
(vi) Environmental Science  
(vii) Geography  
(viii) History  
(ix) Italian  
(x) Legal Studies  
(xi) Philosophy  
(xii) Politics  
(xiii) Social Justice  
(xiv) Sociology  
(xv) Theatre Studies  
(xvi) Theology  

(b) A specialisation and Major cannot be chosen from the same discipline area.

3.2 Practicum or Internship requirements
There is no mandatory requirement for an internship within the Bachelor of Social Science; however, a student may apply to enrol in the School of Arts & Sciences’ Arts Internship unit as an elective within their course with the approval of the Dean.

3.3 Approved unit substitutions
Unit substitutions are only permitted with the written approval of the Dean (or delegate).

3.4 Course duration

3.4.1 Standard Duration
(i) The standard duration of the Bachelor of Social Science is three years of full time study.
(ii) Students are able to enrol in the degree on a part-time basis.
(iii) The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Bachelor of Social Science degree is eight years from the date on which they were first accepted into the course by the University.

3.4.2 Accelerated Duration
An accelerated mode is not available for the Bachelor of Social Science.

3.5 Graduation
A minimum of six hundred (600) credit points drawn from the approved course structure is required in order for a student to graduate with the degree Bachelor of Social Science.

3.6 Honours
The following Regulations must be read in conjunction with the Policy: The Award of a Degree with Honours.

3.6.1 Admission to an Honours program
(a) Admission to the Bachelor of Social Science with Honours is by invitation (in accordance with School procedures) and is subject to approval of the Dean.
(b) Enrolment in the Bachelor of Social Science Honours program on a part-time basis is permitted with the approval of the Dean.

3.6.2 Selection criteria
(a) The following selection criteria will be used for a student being invited to enrol in an Honours program:
(ii) To be considered for entry to the Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) degree, a student must have achieved an average of 65% or higher in at least 7 out of the 8 units chosen as the major within their degree.
(ii) No student will be accepted into an honours program unless the Dean has determined that the School has the staff expertise and facilities capable of supporting the applicant.
3.6.3 **Compulsory Honours coursework units**
A student invited to enrol in the Honours program must:
(a) undertake one undergraduate coursework unit in each semester of the student's Honours program selected in consultation with the supervisor and approved by the Honours coordinator(s);
(b) complete one 5000 word essay for each of these coursework units which must be submitted to the Honours coordinator(s) during or prior to Week 10 of the semester, based on a theme or topic relevant to the unit and approved by the Honours coordinator(s) (each essay is worth 20% of the Honours grade);
(c) attend at least 85% of classes;
(d) attend a weekly workshop series run over both semesters, and contribute to the discussion of student research progress and problems. Attendance for at least 85% of all workshops is necessary to successfully complete the Honours Program.

3.6.4 **Compulsory Research component**
Each student is required to:
(a) Present a seminar paper to the School of Arts and Sciences in Week 5 or 6 of the student's first semester of enrolment in the Honours program, outlining the proposed thesis research including its topic, main questions and objectives, and anticipated outcomes.
(b) Submit a research proposal and, if required, ethics applications to the School of Arts and Sciences, prepared under the guidance of their supervisor, in Week 8 of the student's first semester of enrolment.
(c) Present a second seminar paper in Week 6 of the student's final semester, outlining the methods which were applied, the objectives and questions which were addressed and the main findings (or anticipated findings) which were determined in the student's thesis research.
(d) Submit for examination an Honours-level thesis of between 18,000 and 20,000 words in Week 12 of the student's second semester (or part-time equivalent). The thesis is worth 60% of the final Honours grade.

3.6.5 **Examination of Research component**
(a) Examination of the Honours research component within the Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) is detailed in the School of Arts and Sciences *Guideline: Examination of Honours Research Components*.
(b) The research thesis is examined by at least two examiners, one of whom is normally external to the University.

3.6.6 **Awarding Honours**
Honours within the Bachelor of Social Science is awarded as graded Honours.

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Credit Point Total for Y1 S2: 100
Total Credit Points Year One: 200

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