

SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY AND VISION SCIENCE, UNSW

HONOURS POLICY FOR 3952 BACHELOR OF OPTOMETRY BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BOPTOM BSc) STUDENTS

Setting of Honours:

To be eligible for honours, the student must have successfully completed at least 120 Units of Credit (UoC) while enrolled in the 3952 BOptom BSc program at UNSW.

Honours in the 3952 BOptom BSc program are determined on the basis of the mean mark weighted by the units of credit of each course (Weighted Mean Mark). The cut-offs are 77.0 for a 1st class honours, 72.0 for a 2.1 and 65.0 for a 2.2.

University Medal:

Proposals that a University Medal be awarded are based on the student being outstanding from the remainder of their year rather than on an absolute mark. This typically means a gap of at least 1% in the Weighted Mean Mark. Where two students stand out and are not clearly separable, a proposal may be generated for two University Medals to be awarded. Proposals for three University Medals are almost inevitably unsuccessful even when the students are very close in performance and over 6% clear of their colleagues as once happened. University medallists usually have a Weighted Mean Mark above 85%. The highest in recent years being 92%.

Results used to determine Honours and the University Medal

Courses included in the calculation of a student's Weighted Mean Mark are those

- in the 3952 BOptom BSc program structure completed while enrolled in the 3952 BOptom BSc program*.
- in the 3952 BOptom BSc program structure completed while enrolled in an appropriate UNSW program where transfer of credit for those courses has been granted*#.

The 3952 BOptom BSc program structure showing course codes and units of credit is available at: <http://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au/undergraduate/programs/current/3952.html>.

* Where a student attempts a course more than once, all marks obtained are included in the calculation. For example, if a student received a 36FL and then repeated the course and received a 64PS, both results will be included in the student's Weighted Mean Mark.

Where a student obtains transfer of credit based on a course(s) completed at another university or a course completed at UNSW which is not listed in the 3952 program structure, the result will not be used in the calculation of the student's Weighted Mean Mark or eligibility for Honours.