

University Medal Policy

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Description	This policy prescribes the conditions for the award of the University Medal which is the highest award in recognition of academic excellence in Bachelor Degree Honours and Masters (Extended) graduates.

Related documents

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[Bachelor Honours Degree \(AQF Level 8\) Policy](#)

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1. THE UNIVERSITY MEDAL

The University Medal is designed to recognise the academic excellence of graduates who have -

- completed the requirements for a bachelor degree of the University; and
- been awarded a bachelor degree with first class honours, either by undertaking an additional full-time year of study (or equivalent) following the completion of the bachelor degree ('end-on' honours), or on the basis of performance in the four or more years of the bachelor degree program ('concurrent' or 'embedded' honours); **or**
- completed the requirements for a four-year (or more) Masters (Extended) program¹ with a 40CP research component.

The University Medal is an award of rare excellence and is not necessarily awarded in any year or period of years.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Bachelor Degree and Bachelor Honours Degree

The University Medal will be awarded on the basis of the Grade Point Average (GPA) obtained by a student for both the bachelor degree and honours degree programs calculated according to the method set out in the Calculation of Grade Point Average Policy. The GPA will be calculated on only those courses undertaken at this University. A graduate must have completed at least three years of full-time study (or equivalent) (ie 240CP) in the bachelor degree and honours degree programs at Griffith to be eligible for the award of the University Medal.

¹ The qualification title 'Doctor of ...' is permitted for Masters (extended) programs in medical practice, physiotherapy and dentistry.

To be eligible for the award of the University Medal, a graduate must gain a bachelor degree with first class honours at the University and

- in total over the entire bachelor degree and honours degree programs achieve a minimum GPA of 6.5. Where honours is taken as an additional year, students must also achieve a GPA of 6.5 in the coursework component of the honours program.
- achieve a First Class Honours standard as set by the Academic Committee for the honours dissertation where there is a dissertation requirement of 30CP or more in the honours program.

A graduate who effectively enrolled in an undergraduate degree program for more than the equivalent of one year full-time in excess of the normal minimum period required for the award of the bachelor degree with honours will not normally be recommended for a University Medal unless there is evidence of exceptional circumstances.

2.2 Masters (Extended) Programs

To be eligible for the award of a University Medal, graduates of a Masters (Extended) program must have

- successfully completed a four-year (or more) Masters (Extended) program with a 40CP research component;
- achieve their Masters Degree with distinction;
- achieve a minimum GPA of 6.5 over the entire degree program; and
- achieve a minimum GPA of 6.5 for the 40CP research component.

A graduate who effectively enrolled in the Masters Degree Extended program for more than the equivalent of one year full-time in excess of the normal minimum period required for the award of the degree will not normally be recommended for a University Medal, unless there is evidence of exceptional circumstances.

3. PROCEDURES FOR AWARD

Dean (Learning & Teaching) shall approve candidates for the award of University Medal, on the recommendation of the School Assessment Board, and ask the Council to award the University Medal at a ceremony for the conferring of degrees. It is expected that an award of the University Medal would coincide with the award to the student of their degree.

4. DESIGN OF MEDAL

The design of the medal will be as follows -

Diameter: 50 mm

Colour: Antique Bronze

Obverse: full Arms of the University

Reverse: the words to include "for Academic Excellence" cast into the top half, with the winner's name and year to be engraved below.