

## Q&A from ILP Information Session

### 1. *Who is responsible for getting ethics approval?*

Answer: Applying for ethics approval is the responsibility of the supervisor. However the student is encouraged to take an active role. A minority of projects might involve the student developing a survey etc. In these circumstances, ethics approval for its use can only be sought during the ILP

### 2. *Does the ILP supervisor need to be UNSW staff or conjoint?*

Answer: Either the supervisor or the co-supervisor needs to be UNSW staff or have conjoint status.

### 3. *How many hours a week should a student work on their project?*

Answer: During the full-time periods (ILP1 and 3), a minimum of 30 hours per week. During the periods when a student is doing an extra faculty course or ILP coursework, these hours may be reduced accordingly. ILP students are now required to account for their daily ILP activities in a specially produced ILP journal.

### 4. *How do extra faculty and GenEd courses affect the ILP?*

Answer: Students must indicate their course timetable in the work contract (which is included in their ILP journal). The Faculty understands that students may not know their extra course's timetable at the start of the ILP. However, when their timetable becomes available, this must be recorded in the work contract. Any changes to this work contract must be initialled by the supervisor.

### 4. *When will I know for sure that I am accepted into Honours?*

Answer: By the week beginning 18 May 2009, the Honours administrator will have the grade for SH2. By end of that week or latest in the beginning of the following week, the top students (the number will be decided by the ILP and Honours Committee) will be notified that their Honours application is successful subject to the Committee's approval of their project.

From April, prospective Honours students should start to think about what project that they are interested in doing. By June, the project should be submitted to Honours Administrator and these will be forwarded to the Committee for approval. After that, students and supervisors will be contacted and asked to modify their project to ensure that it is suitable for Honours level. A final date will be decided by the Committee. Students and supervisors who do not comply with this, will not be permitted to go ahead with their Honours. Once the project is approved by the committee, the student and supervisor will receive final notification.

## Q&A specific to extra courses

### 1. *Can Honours be completed in 6 years?*

Answer: It is possible that Honours can be completed in 6 years. You will need to complete the extra courses prior to the start of Honours. One problem is that if your Honours application is not approved, you will have to be enrolled as part-time students during ILP. Please note that you are not allowed to enrol in **any** extra course during your Honours year (there are no exceptions to this rule). If you have not finished your extra course, you may be allowed to complete this after you submit your final thesis and prior to the start of Phase 3. This will be considered on case by case basis (eg. If you still have 12 units of credit (uoc) of extra courses to do, you will be asked to take an extra semester)

### 2. *I am a current 3<sup>rd</sup> year student who will be doing ILP in 2010 as a 4<sup>th</sup> year. When should I do the extra course and how many units should I take to be considered a full time student?*

Answer: ILP in 4<sup>th</sup> year will start in Med TP1 (ILP1), and continue in Med TP2 (ILP2A), Med TP3 (ILP2B) and Med TP4 (ILP3). You can take 6 uoc of extra course in Med TP1 and 2 (Semester 1) and 6 uoc in MedTP3 and 4 (Semester 2). You should have done 6 uoc in Phase 1.

If you enrol in ILP1 (10 uoc), ILP2A (5 uoc) and 6 uoc of extra course, you will be enrolled as a full time student. The Faculty discourage you from enrolling in 12 uoc of extra course in Semester 1 or Semester 2 because this will affect your ILP significantly.

To be a full time student you must enrol in at least 18 uoc.

3. *I am a current 2<sup>nd</sup> year student who is allocated to do ILP in 2010 as a 3<sup>d</sup> year. When should I do the extra course?*

Answer: ILP in 3<sup>rd</sup> year will start in Med TP2 (part of Semester 1), Med TP3 and 4 (ILP2) and Summer Teaching Period. You can take 12 units of credit of extra courses during your ILP2 (MedTP3+4 = Semester 2). If you are enrolled in ILP2 (10 units) and 12 uoc of extra courses, you are enrolled as full time student.

4. *I am an international student. Should I be enrolled full time all the time?*

Answer: For more information on this subject, please check:

<https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/resources/ESOSstudent.html#ESOSActCompliance:WhatStudentsNeedToKnow>

If you have to be enrolled as a part time student (eg. You have completed all extra courses as part of Medicine and enrolled as part time student while doing ILP2 or ILP2A and ILP 2B), as long as this does not lengthen your stay, it is permitted under the new visa regulation. If you have any doubt or concern regarding your visa you can contact

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