

Manchester MB ChB: Additional detail for the Honours degree approach until 2027

Years 1 and 2

- Honours grades can be achieved in each of the Semester Tests, Progress Test, CCAs and PEPs as follows:
 - 2 Honours/Distinctions in Year 1 and Year 2 examinations
= 1 Honours point
 - 3 Honours/Distinctions in Year 1 and Year 2 examinations
= 2 Honours points
 - 4 Honours/Distinctions in Year 1 and Year 2 examinations
= 3 Honours points
 - 5 Honours/Distinctions in Year 1 and Year 2 examinations
= 4 Honours points
- Each Distinction in Years 1 and Year 2 adds an extra Honours point up to a maximum of 4 Honours points from those years.

In tabular form this is represented as follows:

Honours points		No. of Distinction grades					
		0	1	2	3	4	5+
No. of Honours grades	0	0	0	3	4	4	4
	1	0	2	4	4	4	4
	2	1	3	4	4	4	4
	3	2	4	4	4	4	4
	4	3	4	4	4	4	4
	5+	4	4	4	4	4	4

Year 3

- CCA: 1 point available from the summative Year 3 CCA, if the outcome is graded as Honours/Distinction
- Progress Test: 1 point for the end of year Progress Test, if the mark is graded as Honours or Distinction
- Applied PEP: 1 point available if overall grade is Honours or Distinction
 - *(Please note: this applies for students completing APEP from academic year 2018/2019 onwards. Students who completed their APEP in earlier years will have been awarded an Honours point if they achieved a 'Distinction' outcome in the written component and an 'Excellent' outcome for the oral component)*

Year 4

- CCA: 2 points available – 1 point for each of the Year 4 CCAs, where the outcome is graded as Honours/Distinction.
- Progress Test: 1 point for each of the January and May Progress Tests, if the mark is graded as Honours or Distinction. *(Note: the Jan 2022 Y4 PT will not contribute to the H pt tally - students in this cohort will therefore have a reduced overall target of 9 out of 13 possible points).*

(Please note: for students who have completed both a Year 4 and Year 5 QEPEP: 1 point (maximum) will be awarded if both grades are Honours or Distinction).

Year 5

- Exempting/Final Examinations: 2 points available - 1 point for the Applied Knowledge Test where the combined mark is graded as Honours or Distinction and 1 point for the CCA where the outcome is an Honours/ Distinction grade.
 - These points are available at both the Exempting Examination and the Finals Examination.
- For students who have completed both a Year 4 and Year 5 QEPEP: 1 point (maximum) will be awarded if both grades are Honours or Distinction.
- For students who have not completed a Year 4 QEPEP, then the Year 5 QEPEP alone will contribute 1 Honours point if the grade is Honours or Distinction.

In summary:

YEAR	Assessment	Contribution
Y1 & Y2		4
Y3	CCA	1
	May PT	1
	APEP	1
Y4	CCA-A	1
	CCA-B	1
	Jan PT	1
	May PT	1
Y5	AKT	1
	CCA	1
	QEPEP	1
TOTAL		14

Please note that there are revised rule sets in place for students who have missed assessments due to the covid-related loss of assessments that occurred in 2019-2020 and for those who were in Y4 in 2021-2022 (to take account of the Jan 22 PT). The details of these revised requirements [can be found in this document](#).

Honours Points for Direct Entry Students

St Andrews University Direct Entrants

Students entering from St Andrews are awarded Honours points for their pre-clinical education based on their degree classification on leaving St Andrews; 1st = 4 Honours Points; 2:1 = 3 Honours Points, 2:2 = 2 Honours Points; 3rd = 1 Honours Point.

IMU Direct Entrants

Students entering from IMU are awarded Honours points on the basis of their performance at EOS3 and EOS5 assessments. One Honours point will be awarded to each of the written and OSCE components to these two summative assessments up to a maximum of 4 Honours points. To align with other Manchester MB ChB grade boundaries an Honours point will be awarded if the student's score is ≥ 1 SD above the cohort mean for the written component and a score of $\geq 79\%$ for the OSCE. We will request the exam information from IMU.

Dental Direct Entrants

Dental graduates can be awarded up to 4 Honours points. However, as most dental students are awarded a non-classified degree, all dental graduates are awarded 2 Honours points. Those in the top 10% of their cohort are awarded 3 Honours points and those in the top 5% of the cohort are awarded 4 Honours points. To be awarded these additional points, students are required to provide evidence of their dental degree cohort positioning to the Assessment Manager (see [Contacts](#)) by no later than Year 4; the Programme will not be responsible for seeking that evidence.

Other Direct Entrants

Candidates entering directly into Year 3 from other institutions are eligible for Honours points from their original institution if they were in the top 5% of their cohort (worth 2 Honours points per year up to a maximum of 4 Honours points) or in the top 10% of their cohort (worth 1 Honours point per year up to a maximum of 4 Honours points). Candidates entering into Year 3 of the Programme who wish to be considered for a degree with Honours must apply to the Assessment Manager by no later than Year 4 (see [Contacts](#)). The Programme will then write to the Dean of the Medical School where you trained previously, for information regarding your relative cohort ranking.
