

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

HONOURS DEGREE

Honours (H) Level - Bachelor's Degree with Honours, Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas Honours Degrees, e.g. BA (Hons), BSc (Hons), and BEng (Hons) are the main qualifications at this level and typically last 3 years.

Graduates with a Bachelor's Degree with Honours will have developed an understanding of a complex body of knowledge, some of it at the current boundaries of an academic discipline. Through this, the graduate will have developed analytical techniques and problem-solving skills that can be applied in many types of employment and will be able to evaluate evidence, arguments and assumptions to reach sound judgements, and to communicate effectively.

An honours graduate should have the qualities needed for employment in situations requiring the exercise of personal responsibility, and decision-making in complex and unpredictable circumstances.

National Qualification Framework Level 6

Level 6 qualifications recognise a specialist high-level knowledge of an area of work or study to enable the use of an individual's own ideas and research in response to complex problems and situations. Learning at this level involves the achievement of a high-level of professional knowledge and is appropriate for people working as knowledge-based professionals or in professional management positions. Level 6 qualifications are at a level equivalent to Bachelors Degrees with Honours, Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas.

Entry Standards

- Appropriate A Levels or equivalent
- Applied A Levels or AS Levels
- Foundation Degree or HND
- Accreditation of Experiential Learning (APEL) for experienced employees

Career Progression

- Good progression for Foundation Degree, HND or Higher Apprenticeship achiever or experienced employee.
- Mode of the academic learning could be either full-time or part-time study.
- An Honours Degree plus further learning at master's degree level and relevant work experience (preferably via the Graduate Apprenticeship) is required for an employee wishing to seek full membership of a professional institution and registration as Chartered Engineer (CEng).