The award of Pass with Distinction provides formal recognition on the testamur and academic transcript of excellence in overall academic performance in undergraduate [Bachelor] Pass degree programs where an award with Honours is not available:

- Award with Distinction is awarded when a weighted average mark (WAM) of at least 75 has been achieved in all courses completed since enrolment at UNSW which are credited to the relevant award
- Courses that have been failed will be included in the calculation of WAM
- Courses completed on exchange or cross-institutionally will not be included in the calculation of WAM
- The recognition of other specified levels of academic performance on the testamur for Pass degree programs is not permitted, specifically any award based on levels other than Distinction
- WAM is not rounded up or down for the purposes of awarding distinction
- To be eligible a student must have completed at least 50% of the requirements of their award through UNSW. Students who undertake courses under exchange or other overseas study arrangements will not be disadvantaged in determination of eligibility
- Eligible students are identified by the Program Authority when checking students for graduation. Students do not need to apply for this award
- It is expected that all eligible programs will award Pass with Distinction except in special circumstances where a program authority has the approval of Academic Board for a particular program to opt out

View [historical information on Council approvals](https://student.unsw.edu.au/pass-with-distinction) of Pass with Distinction procedure.

**See also**

- [Structure of Undergraduate Programs - Policy](https://student.unsw.edu.au/pass-with-distinction)
- [Structure of Undergraduate Programs - Procedure](https://student.unsw.edu.au/pass-with-distinction)