

APPROVED RULE CHANGES

Pursuant to the UTS By-law (Part 4, clause 44), the following rule changes have been made by UTS Council.

At its 21/2 meeting on 14 April 2021, Council approved the following amendments to the UTS Rules:

COU/21-1/45

Council resolved to:

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.2 approve the proposed changes to section 8 of the Student Rules as detailed in **Attachment 1** of Document 5.6;

.3 approve the proposed changes to sections 6, 13 and Schedule 1 of the UTS Student Rules as detailed in **Attachment 2** of Document 5.6; and

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Minor administrative amendments to Schedule 1 of the Student Rules were subsequently approved on 28 April 2021 by the Deputy Director, Governance Support Unit under Delegation 3.14.2. A semicolon was added and references to 'Masters degree' have not been changed to align the definition with the Australian Qualification Framework. The changes have been incorporated in the approved amendments and are detailed below (shown in yellow highlight).

THE APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE UTS RULES ARE PROVIDED BELOW
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UTS Student Rules

Section 6 — Credit and recognition of prior learning

Credit points

6.1.1 The structure of UTS coursework and award courses is based on a standard measure as defined in these Rules.

6.1.2 UTS courses comply with the [Australian Qualifications Framework \(AQF\)](#) and the terminology below reflects that Framework. UTS may use different terminology for some types of courses but each course will be identified as one of the categories with the identified credit point requirements below. At UTS:

(1) **an undergraduate certificate is 24 credit points (0.5 EFTSL) – AQF Levels 5-7;**

(2) **a Diploma is between 48 and 96 credit points (1 to 2 EFTSL) – AQF Level 5;**

(32) an Advanced Diploma is 72 or 96 credit points (1.5 or 2 EFTSL) – **AQF Level 6**;

(4) an Associate degree is 96 credit points (2 EFTSL) – **AQF Level 6**;

(53) a Bachelor degree is 144, 192 or 240 credit points (3, 4 or 5 EFTSL) – **AQF Level 7**;

(64) a Bachelor combined degree is between 192 and 288 credit points (4 to 6 EFTSL) – **AQF Level 7**;

(75) a Bachelor Honours degree is 48 credit points (1 EFTSL) and follows, or may be embedded in, an undergraduate degree – **AQF Level 8**;

(86) a Graduate Certificate is normally 24 credit points (.5 EFTSL) but may be between 24 and 48 credit points (.5 to 1 EFTSL) where approved by Academic Board as a special AQF-compliant case – **AQF Level 8**;

(97) a Graduate Diploma is normally 48 credit points (1 EFTSL) but may be between 48 and 96 credit points (1 to 2 EFTSL) where approved by Academic Board as a special AQF-compliant case – **AQF Level 8**;

(108) a Masters degree (Coursework) is normally 72 credit points (1.5 EFTSL) but may be between 48 and 96 credit points (1 to 2 EFTSL) where approved by Academic Board as a special AQF-compliant case; UTS Masters degrees using 'Advanced', 'Extension' or similar approved nomenclature fall into this category and would normally be 96 credit points – **AQF Level 9**;

(119) a Masters degree (Extended), having a specific professional practice use as allowed under the AQF, is between 144 and 192 credit points (3 to 4 EFTSL) – **AQF Level 9**;

(102) a Masters combined degree is between 96 and 144 credit points (2 to 3 EFTSL) – **AQF Level 9**.

6.1.3 Academic Board may approve AQF-compliant variations to the credit point requirements in exceptional circumstances. Any proposal for a credit point structure that does not meet the standard requirements of the Framework must justify the length of the course in terms of students' achievement of the award level's learning outcomes as prescribed by the AQF.

6.1.4 Some graduate research degrees have a coursework component. This coursework component must be no greater than one-third of the total course requirements. For example, in a graduate research degree with a duration of three years full-time study, the coursework component should be no greater than one EFTSL (48 credit points) in total.

6.1.5 Coursework components of graduate research degrees will consist of subjects that have credit points allocated in the normal way. The research component will consist of a time-based subject with an allocation of time, rather than credit points, as a measure of workload.

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Section 8 — Assessment of coursework subjects

8.4 Subject assessment results

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8.4.4 Final subject assessment results will be released officially in a manner prescribed by the Provost ~~from time to time~~ following ratification ~~by the relevant faculty~~.

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13.4 Conferral of award

13.4.1 Degree, Diploma and other award courses of the University are conferred by a resolution of Academic Board.

13.4.2 Degree awards, and any Diploma awards undertaken in conjunction with degree awards, may be presented at a University graduation ceremony. Graduate Certificate, Undergraduate Certificate and all other awards may be presented at a faculty ceremony.

13.4.3 An award of the University may be conferred posthumously.

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13.7 Level of award — classification and grading

13.7.1 Subject to the provisions of Rules 13.7.2 and 13.7.3, the relevant Faculty Board shall recommend to Academic Board the classification and grading of the award, if any, to be conferred upon individual students.

13.7.2 The level of award recommended for individual students shall be determined by the relevant Faculty Board in accordance with guidelines approved by Academic Board from time to time.

13.7.3 The classification and grading of awards for each course shall be in accordance with the following provisions:

- 1) For a Doctoral degree, the award shall not be classified.
- 2) For a Masters degree (Research), the award shall not be classified.
- 3) For a Masters degree (Coursework) for which the award of Honours is available, the award shall be classified as:
 - (a) Masters (Honours); or
 - (b) Masters degree.

- 4) For a Bachelor Honours degree the award shall be classified as:
- (a) Bachelor Honours degree with First Class Honours; or
 - (b) Bachelor Honours degree with Second Class Honours, which may be graded into Division 1 and Division 2 in those faculties that require such grading; or
 - (c) Bachelor Honours degree with Third Class Honours, which may be awarded in those faculties that require such grading.
- 5) For a Bachelor degree, the award may be classified as:
- (a) Bachelor degree with Distinction; or
 - (b) Bachelor degree with Credit; or
 - (c) Bachelor degree.
- ~~6) For a Graduate Diploma, the award may be classified as:~~
- ~~(a) Graduate Diploma with Distinction; or~~
 - ~~(b) Graduate Diploma with Credit; or~~
 - ~~(c) Graduate Diploma.~~
- ~~7) For a Diploma, the award may be classified as:~~
- ~~(a) Diploma with Distinction; or~~
 - ~~(b) Diploma with Credit; or~~
 - ~~(c) Diploma.~~
- 86) For an Undergraduate Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, the award shall not be classified.**

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13.10 Academic dress

13.10.1 Academic dress is prescribed by the Provost for each **degree** award of the University, with the exception of Graduate Certificates. **Academic dress is not prescribed for any other awards.**

13.10.2 Graduates who attend graduation ceremonies are required to wear the academic dress of the degree ~~or diploma~~ that is appropriate to the level of award obtained.

13.10.3 Graduates of the University are entitled to wear the academic dress, appropriate to the level of award obtained, at appropriate formal occasions.

13.10.4 The University Secretary may approve the use of the University's academic dress, by those yet to have awards formally conferred, at appropriate formal occasions or other official University events.

Schedule 1 — Definitions

award course means the following course types and any other courses that may be approved by Academic Board from time to time:

- **Undergraduate Certificate:**
- Diploma;
- Advanced Diploma;
- Associate degree;
- Bachelor degree;
- Bachelor Honours degree;
- Graduate Certificate;
- Graduate Diploma;
- Master's degree (Coursework);
- Master's degree (Extended);
- Master's degree (Research);
- Doctoral degree;
- Higher Doctorate.

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NEW DEFINITION:

Undergraduate Certificate is a higher education qualification of six months duration covered by an existing higher education qualification at AQF levels 5, 6, or 7. Course content is drawn from the existing higher education qualification, to ensure students have the option to transition to the AQF level 5, 6 or 7 qualification on completion of the Undergraduate Certificate.