

Postgraduate Coursework Awards and Programs Schedule

Important Notice

(1) This Schedule applies to programs approved prior to 1 January 2013 which are listed in Section 16 of this document. Please refer to the following documents

- a. [Graduate Certificate - Awards and Programs Schedule](#)
- b. [Graduate Diploma - Awards and Programs Schedule](#)
- c. [Masters Degree \(Coursework\) \(including models for 160,120,80\) - Awards and Programs Schedule](#)
- d. [Masters Degree \(Extended\) - Awards and Programs Schedule](#)

(2) For all proposed, new and revised programs approved on or after 1 January 2013. For further information, contact Melanie Barlow, Secretary to the Program and Course Approval Committee.

Section 1 - Introduction

(3) This Schedule supports the implementation of the [Awards and Graduation Policy](#) and [Governance Rule](#). The [Governance Rule](#) describes each of the qualification types offered by the University. This Schedule applies to the postgraduate coursework programs approved by Academic Senate and listed under Section 16 List of Approved Programs of this schedule.

(4) In the event of an inconsistency between lower level policy documents and a Rule(s) or Schedule to the Rule(s), the Rule(s) made by Council prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

(5) In the event of an inconsistency between an Academic Senate policy document and a Faculty policy, procedure or guideline, the policy document of Academic Senate prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

Section 2 - Program Structures

(6) For individual program requirements, refer to the program handbook, maintained by the Academic Registrar.

(7) Within postgraduate coursework programs the following restrictions apply:

- a. undergraduate courses at 2000, 3000 or 4000 level can be directly used in a postgraduate program with their existing codes provided they do not exceed 25% of the award;
- b. 4000 level courses offered within separate Honours programs may be used within Masters programs, where appropriate, and are not subject to Clause 7 (a);
- c. no 1000 level undergraduate courses may be used;
- d. undergraduate courses will not usually be core/compulsory courses in a postgraduate program;
- e. undergraduate courses may be re-badged as postgraduate courses with different course codes and offered conjointly to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. Where postgraduate and undergraduate students

study the same course but under different course codes, the following will apply:

- i. undergraduate and postgraduate students may attend the same lectures;
- ii. postgraduate students must attend separate tutorials or workshops or laboratories - to allow more in-depth analysis or treatment of the course content;
- iii. postgraduate students will be expected to access additional extension material (at least 20% of the postgraduate course should be different from that in the undergraduate course); and
- iv. postgraduate students will complete different and more challenging assessment tasks.

(8) A nested series of awards means a linked series of programs within the same field of study, which progress from a lower to a higher qualification e.g. from a graduate certificate, to a graduate diploma, to a masters, or to a professional doctorate. All graduates having been enrolled and completed a program that leads to an award, will be issued a testamur.

Administrative Notes

All Program Structures will be reviewed to ensure [AQF](#) compliance.

Section 3 - Program Structures - Graduate Certificate (40 units)

Model P1: Graduate Certificate

AQF Level	Level 8
Total Units	40 Units
Volume of learning (Duration)	0.5 years minimum
Structure	This field has been intentionally left blank.
Admission	An applicant for admission will: i. have satisfied the requirements for admission to a Bachelor level degree of the University or other recognised institution, and possess such other qualifications, or professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate; or ii. produce evidence of possessing such other qualifications, professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate.
Specialisation	An approved specialisation of a minimum of 20 units identified by the Faculty as from a specific field of study or specialty within a field of study, and excluding any undergraduate courses offered within the program.
Additional Requirements	Any approved compulsory program components (CPC) or pre-requisites.
Credit	Maximum of 20 units of credit.
Nested Award Sequence	120 Unit Masters (Honours) Degree / 80 Unit Masters Degree / 40 Unit Graduate Certificate. or 160 Unit Master (Honours) Degree / 120 Unit Masters Degree / 80 Unit Graduate Diploma / 40 Unit Graduate Certificate.
Qualification for the Award	To qualify for a Graduate Certificate, a student will satisfactorily complete a program of study approved by Academic Senate, totalling not less than 40 units.
Grading of the Award	The award will be conferred as an ordinary degree.
Additional Information	This field has been intentionally left blank.

Section 4 - Program Structures - Graduate Diploma (80 units)

Model P2: Graduate Diploma

AQF Level	Level 8
Total Units	80 Units
Volume of learning (Duration)	1 year minimum
Admission	An applicant for admission will:- i. have satisfied the requirements for admission to a Bachelor level degree of the University or other recognised institution, and possess such other qualifications, or professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate; or ii. produce evidence of possessing such other qualifications, professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate.
Structure	This field has been intentionally left blank.
Specialisation	An approved specialisation of a minimum of 40 units identified by the Faculty as from a specific field of study or specialty within a field of study, and excluding any undergraduate courses offered within the program.
Additional Requirements	Any approved compulsory program components (CPC) or pre-requisites.
Credit	Maximum of 40 units of credit.
Nested Award Sequence	160 Unit Masters (Honours) Degree / 120 Unit Masters Degree / 80 Unit Graduate Diploma / 40 Unit Graduate Certificate.
Qualification for the Award	To qualify for a Graduate Diploma, a student will satisfactorily complete a program of study approved by Academic Senate, totalling not less than 80 units.
Grading of the Award	The award will be conferred as an ordinary degree.
Additional Information	This field has been intentionally left blank.

Section 5 - Program Structures - Graduate Diploma (120 units)

Model P3: Graduate Diploma

AQF Level	Under review (AQF Steering Committee)
Total Units	120 Units
Volume of learning (Duration)	1 year minimum
Admission	An applicant for admission will:- i. have satisfied the requirements for admission to a Bachelor level degree of the University or other recognised institution, and possess such other qualifications, or professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate; or ii. produce evidence of possessing such other qualifications, professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate.
Structure	This field has been intentionally left blank.

Specialisation	This field has been intentionally left blank.
Additional Requirements	Any approved compulsory program components (CPC) or pre-requisites.
Credit	Maximum of 60 units of credit.
Nested Award Sequence	Not available as a nested sequence.
Qualification for the Award	To qualify for a Graduate Diploma, a student will satisfactorily complete a program of study approved by Academic Senate, totalling not less than 120 units.
Grading of the Award	The award will be conferred as an ordinary degree.
Additional Information	This field has been intentionally left blank.

Section 6 - Program Structures - Masters (80 unit)

Model P3: Masters (80 units)

AQF Level	Under review (AQF Steering Committee)
Total Units	80 Units
Volume of learning (Duration)	1 year minimum
Admission	An applicant for admission will: i. have satisfied the requirements for admission to a Bachelor level degree of the University or other recognised institution, and possess such other qualifications, or professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate; or ii. produce evidence of possessing such other qualifications, professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate.
Structure	This field has been intentionally left blank.
Specialisation	An approved specialisation of a minimum of 40 units identified by the Faculty as from a specific field of study or specialty within a field of study, and excluding any undergraduate courses offered within the program.
Additional Requirements	Any approved compulsory program components (CPC) or pre-requisites.
Credit	Maximum of 40 units of credit.
Nested Award Sequence	120 Unit Masters (Honours) Degree / 80 Unit Masters Degree / 40 Unit Graduate Certificate.
Qualification for the Award	To qualify for a Masters, a student will satisfactorily complete a program of study approved by Academic Senate, totalling not less than 80 units.
Grading of the Award	A Masters program will be conferred as an ordinary degree, or will be conferred 'With Distinction'. in cases where a student has: a.achieved a Grade Point Average of 6.0 or above; and b.completed 50% or more of the degree at the University of Newcastle.
Additional Information	This field has been intentionally left blank.

Section 7 - Program Structures - Masters (120 unit)

Model P4: Masters (120 Units)

AQF Level	Level 9
Total Units	120 Units
Volume of learning (Duration)	1.5 years minimum
Admission	An applicant for admission will: i. have satisfied the requirements for admission to a Bachelor level degree of the University or other recognised institution, and possess such other qualifications, or professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate; or ii. produce evidence of possessing such other qualifications, professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate.
Structure	This field has been intentionally left blank.
Specialisation	An approved specialisation of a minimum of 40 units identified by the Faculty as from a specific field of study or specialty within a field of study, and excluding any undergraduate courses offered within the program.
Additional Requirements	Any approved compulsory program components (CPC) or pre-requisites.
Credit	Maximum of 60 units of credit.
Nested Award Sequence	160 Unit Masters (Honours) Degree / 120 Unit Masters Degree / 80 Unit Graduate Diploma / 40 Unit Graduate Certificate.
Qualification for the Award	To qualify for a Masters degree, a student will satisfactorily complete a program of study approved by Academic Senate, totalling not less than 120 units.
Grading of the Award	A Masters program will be conferred as an ordinary degree, or will be conferred 'With Distinction'. in cases where a student has: a. achieved a Grade Point Average of 6.0 or above; and b. completed 50% or more of the degree at the University of Newcastle.
Additional Information	This field has been intentionally left blank.

Section 8 - Program Structures - Masters (Honours) (120 units)

Model P5: Masters (Honours) (120 units)

AQF Level	Under review (AQF Steering Committee)
Total Units	120 Units
Volume of learning (Duration)	1.5 years minimum
Admission	An applicant for admission will have: i. satisfied the requirements for admission to the appropriate degree of Masters by coursework of the University, and possess such other qualifications, or professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate; or ii. produce evidence of possessing such other qualifications, professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate.
Structure	This field has been intentionally left blank.
Specialisation	This field has been intentionally left blank.
Additional Requirements	Any approved compulsory program components (CPC) or pre-requisites.
Credit	Maximum of 60 units of credit.
Nested Award Sequence	120 Unit Masters (Honours) Degree / 80 Unit Masters Degree / 40 Unit Graduate Certificate.

Qualification for the Award	To qualify for a Masters (Honours), a student will satisfactorily complete a program of study approved by Academic Senate, totalling not less than 120 units.
Grading of the Award	A Masters (Honours) program will be conferred with a grade of Honours. The classes of Honours will be: Class I; Class II Division 1; Class II Division 2; and Class III.
Additional Information	This field has been intentionally left blank.

Section 9 - Program Structures - Masters (Honours) (160 units)

Model P6: Masters (Honours) (160 Units)

AQF Level	Under review (AQF Steering Committee)
Total Units	160 Units
Volume of learning (Duration)	2 years minimum
Admission	An applicant for admission will have: i. satisfied the requirements for admission to the appropriate degree of Masters by coursework of the University, and possess such other qualifications, or professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate; or ii. produce evidence of possessing such other qualifications, professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate.
Structure	This field has been intentionally left blank.
Specialisation	This field has been intentionally left blank.
Additional Requirements	Any approved compulsory program components (CPC) or pre-requisites.
Credit	Maximum of 80 units of credit.
Nested Award Sequence	160 Unit Masters (Honours) Degree / 120 Unit Masters Degree / 80 Unit Graduate Diploma / 40 Unit Graduate Certificate.
Qualification for the Award	To qualify for a Masters (Honours) degree, a student will satisfactorily complete a program of study approved by Academic Senate, totalling not less than 160 units.
Grading of the Award	A Masters (Honours) program will be conferred with a grade of Honours. The classes of Honours will be: Class I; Class II Division 1; Class II Division 2; and Class III.
Additional Information	This field has been intentionally left blank.

Section 10 - Program Structures - Masters (160

units)

Model P7: Masters (160 Units)

AQF Level	Level 9
Total Units	160 Units
Volume of learning(Duration)	2 years minimum
Admission	An applicant for admission will: i. have satisfied the requirements for admission to the appropriate degree of Masters by coursework of the University, and possess such other qualifications, or professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate; or ii. produce evidence of possessing such other qualifications, professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate.
Structure	This field has been intentionally left blank.
Specialisation	This field has been intentionally left blank.
Additional Requirements	Any approved compulsory program components (CPC) or pre-requisites.
Credit	Maximum of 80 units of credit.
Nested Award Sequence	This field has been intentionally left blank.
Qualification for the Award	To qualify for a Masters degree, a student will satisfactorily complete a program of study approved by Academic Senate, totalling not less than 160 units.
Grading of the Award	A Masters program will be conferred as an ordinary degree, or will be conferred 'With Distinction'. in cases where a student has: a. achieved a Grade Point Average of 6.0 or above; and b. completed 50% or more of the degree at the University of Newcastle.
Additional Information	This field has been intentionally left blank.

Section 11 - Program Structures - Masters (240 units)

Model P8: Masters (240 Units)

AQF Level	Under review (AQF Steering Committee)
Total Units	240 Units
Volume of learning(Duration)	2 years minimum
Admission	An applicant for admission will: i. have satisfied the requirements for admission to a Bachelor level degree of the University or other recognised institution, and possess such other qualifications, or professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate; or ii. produce evidence of possessing such other qualifications, professional experience, and other relevant attributes as may be approved by Academic Senate; and iii. have completed such other work prescribed by the Pro Vice-Chancellor of the relevant Faculty on the recommendation of the relevant Head of School.
Structure	This field has been intentionally left blank.

Specialisation	This field has been intentionally left blank.
Additional Requirements	Any approved compulsory program components (CPC) or pre-requisites.
Credit	Maximum of 120 units of credit.
Nested Award Sequence	Not available as a nested sequence.
Qualification for the Award	To qualify for a Masters degree, a student will satisfactorily complete a program of study approved by Academic Senate, totalling not less than 240 units.
Grading of the Award	A Masters program will be conferred as an ordinary degree, or will be conferred 'With Distinction'. in cases where a student has: a. achieved a Grade Point Average of 6.0 or above; and b. completed 50% or more of the degree at the University of Newcastle.
Additional Information	This field has been intentionally left blank.

Section 12 - Exit Award

(9) An exit award may be available to a student where:

- a. an exit award has been linked to the program in which the student is enrolled;
- b. the student has satisfactorily completed the program of study to the point where they are eligible for the exit award, as approved by the Program and Course Approval Committee on behalf of Academic Senate;
- c. the student is unable to complete the remaining requirements for their original enrolment;
- d. the student has made an application, in writing, to have their enrolment transferred and therefore be awarded an exit award and
- e. the relevant Pro Vice-Chancellor has approved the application.

Section 13 - Combined Programs

(10) Students undertaking a combined program must satisfy the program requirements for the two individual programs. For the requirements of the individual programs refer to the relevant model within this document and the program handbook.

(11) Upon completion of the requirements for each individual program in a combined program, the University confers the appropriate award. The conferrals are not necessarily made together.

(12) Unless otherwise prohibited, a student may apply to transfer from a combined program to one of the individual programs.

(13) Unless otherwise prohibited, a student, having satisfied the requirements of one of the component programs, may graduate with the appropriate award and discontinue the other component program.

Section 14 - Relaxing Provision

(14) To provide for exceptional circumstances arising in any particular case the President of Academic Senate, on the recommendation of the relevant Deputy Vice-Chancellor or Pro Vice-Chancellor of the relevant Faculty, may relax any provision of this Schedule.

Section 15 - Reporting

(15) The President of the Academic Senate will report all applications of the relaxing provision of this Schedule to the Academic Senate.

Section 16 - List of Approved Programs and their Applicable Models

(16) Academic Senate has approved the below list of Postgraduate Coursework programs, accurate at 27/7/11.

(17) Revised August 2017 to reflect currency of programs available.

Code	Program Name	Faculty	Applicable Structure	Model	Comments
11199	Master of Applied Finance	Business and Law	80 Unit Master Degree	Model P4	11199 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12374 - refer to Schedule 001025
11287	Master of Applied Management (Health)	Health and Medicine	80 Unit Master Degree	Model P4	This program is in teach-out
11235	Master of Aviation Management	Science	80 Unit Master Degree /	Model P4	11235 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12378 - refer to Schedule 001025
11234	Graduate Certificate in Aviation Management	Science	40 Unit Graduate Certificate	Model P1	11234 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12377 - refer to Schedule 001023
11545	Master of Business	Business and Law	80 Unit Master Degree	Model P4	This program is in teach-out
11003	Master of Business Administration	Business and Law	120 Unit Master Degree	Model P5	11003 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12379 - refer to Schedule 001025
11696	Master of Business Administration / Master of Applied Finance	Business and Law		Combine program	11696 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12397 - refer to Schedule 001025
11697	Master of Business Administration / Master of Human Resource Management	Business and Law		Combined program	11697 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12398 - refer to Schedule 001025
11695	Master of Business Administration / Master of Marketing	Business and Law		Combined program	11695 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12400 - refer to Schedule 001025
10965	Graduate Diploma in Clinical Epidemiology	Health and Medicine	80 Unit Graduate Diploma	Model P2	-

Code	Program Name	Faculty	Applicable Structure	Model	Comments
11534	Master of Clinical Psychology	Science	160 Unit Master Degree	Model P8	11534 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12380 – Refer to Schedule 001026
11713	Master of Digital Media	Education and Arts	80 Unit Master Degree	Model P4	11713 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12388 – Refer to Schedule 001025
11712	Graduate Certificate of Digital Media	Education and Arts	40 Unit Graduate Certificate	Model P1	11712 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12387 – Refer to Schedule 001023
11378	Master of Disability Studies	Education and Arts	80 Unit Master Degree	Model P4	This program is in teach-out
11008	Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies	Education and Arts	40 Unit Graduate Certificate	Model P1	11008 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12365 – Refer to Schedule 001023
10934	Master of Early Childhood Education	Education and Arts	80 Unit Master Degree	Model P4	This program is in teach-out
11700	Master of Environmental Management	Science	80 Unit Master Degree /	Model P4	This program is in teach-out
11699	Graduate Certificate in Environmental Management	Science	40 Unit Graduate Certificate	Model P1	This program is in teach-out
11042	Master of Human Resource Management	Business and Law	80 Unit Master Degree	Model P4	11042 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12386 – Refer to Schedule 001025
11043	Master of Marketing	Business and Law	80 Unit Master Degree	Model P4	11043 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12385 – Refer to Schedule 001025
11380	Master of Music Technology	Education and Arts	80 Unit Master Degree	Model P4	This program is in teach-out
11536	Master of Pharmacy	Health and Medicine	240 Unit Master Degree /	Model P9	11536 is now covered under Schedule 001026
XXXXX	Graduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science [Exit award only]	Health and Medicine	120 Unit Graduate Diploma	Model P3	This program is covered under a separate Schedule – refer to Schedule 000556
11522	Master of Property	Engineering and Built Environment	80 Unit Master Degree /	Model P4	11522 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12408 – Refer to Schedule 001025
11521	Graduate Certificate in Property	Engineering and Built Environment	40 Unit Graduate Certificate	Model P1	11521 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12407 – Refer to Schedule 001023
11233	Master of Social Change and Development	Education and Arts	80 Unit Master Degree /	Model P4	11233 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 40015 – Refer to Schedule 001025

Code	Program Name	Faculty	Applicable Structure	Model	Comments
11232	Graduate Certificate in Social Change and Development	Education and Arts	40 Unit Graduate Certificate	Model P1	11232 is in teach-out. Has been replaced by 12376 - Refer to Schedule 001023

Status and Details

Status	Historic
Effective Date	18th August 2017
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Approval Date	18th August 2017
Expiry Date	29th August 2018
Responsible Executive	Belinda Tynan Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
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Glossary Terms and Definitions

"Academic Senate" - The Academic Senate of the University as described in the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

"Council" - The governing authority of the University established under section 8A of the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

"Graduate" - (Noun) Has the same meaning as in section 3(2) of the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

"University" - The University of Newcastle, a body corporate established under sections 4 and 5 of the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

"Student" - A person formally enrolled in a course or active in a program offered by the University or affiliated entity.

"Volume of learning" - Identifies the notional duration of all activities required for the achievement of the learning outcomes specified for a particular AQF qualification type. It is expressed in equivalent full-time years.

"Disability" - As defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth) (as amended from time to time, or as per any replacing legislation).

"Exit award" - An academic qualification that is conferred when a student has met the program requirements of a linked program within the same field of study as listed in the relevant Awards and Programs Schedule.

"Lecture" - Any timetabled activity labelled 'lecture' in the University's timetabling and room booking system.

"Postgraduate" - Any qualification being at the level of Graduate Certificate or above.

"Testamur" - A ceremonial document presented to a graduate upon the successful completion of their program.

"Undergraduate" - Refers to any qualification up to and including the level of a Bachelor Honours degree.