

# Rules Relating to Awards - Rule 10 - Awards

## Section 1 - Definitions

(1) For the purposes of this Rule, the following definitions apply:

- a. Conferral means the granting of an award of the University to a student after completion of their course requirements.
- b. Conferral Date means a date approved for Conferral of Awards.
- c. Graduate means a person who has been conferred an award of the University.
- d. Graduation means attendance by a graduate at a University graduation ceremony.

## Section 2 - Conferral of Awards

### Eligibility

(2) A student is eligible to be conferred an award of the University if they:

- a. have successfully completed the requirements for the award that were current at the time the student first enrolled in the award course, unless the student:
  - i. requested or agreed in writing to undertake a new version of the course;
  - ii. withdrew from or abandoned the course for any reason, was subsequently readmitted to a new version of the course as set out in [Rule 2](#);
  - iii. the student has undertaken approved substitute units in accordance with [Rule 2](#).
- b. have provided the University with a valid Unique Student Identifier
- c. do not have a financial debt owing to the University;
- d. are not currently suspended or excluded from the University;
- e. do not have outstanding proceedings related to allegations of misconduct against them.

(3) Unless the Rules for a specific award prescribe otherwise, a student enrolled in an award course at University may exit with a lower level award if they have successfully completed the requirements for the lower level award. If the student applies for, and is granted, readmission into the original course, they may be required to surrender the conferred lower level award.

(4) A student enrolled in a double degree who completes the requirements for the award of one of the degrees is not eligible to be conferred that award before fulfilling all the requirements of the course rules for the double degree, unless the student elects to withdraws from the double degree award. If the student applies for, and is granted, readmission into the double degree, they may be required to surrender the conferred single degree.

### Conferral

(5) A student who has been confirmed by the authorised delegate as eligible to be conferred with an award, will be conferred with that award at the next Conferral Date.

- (6) After Conferral of their award, students may attend a graduation ceremony.
- (7) The University provides graduates with the following documentation of awards:
- a. digital and printed testamurs
  - b. digital Australian Higher Education Graduation Statements (AHEGS)
  - c. academic transcripts.
- (8) Students may receive their testamurs:
- a. at a graduation ceremony
  - b. by mail
  - c. by collecting it as advised by the University.
- (9) The number of testamurs for each category of degree is:
- a. Single degree: one testamur
  - b. Double degree: two testamurs
  - c. Combined degree: one testamur
  - d. Cross-Faculty or College degree: one testamur
  - e. Cross-institutional degree: one testamur.

### **Posthumous and aegrotat awards**

- (10) An award may be conferred by the delegated authority:
- a. to a student who fails to complete a University award course as a result of death: a posthumous award.
  - b. to a student who fails to complete a University award as a result of permanent incapacity: an aegrotat award.

## **Section 3 - Surrender of Awards**

(11) University Council may revoke and require the surrender of an award of the University if it is satisfied that a graduate acted dishonestly in relation to any material matter relied upon by the University in determining the graduate's eligibility for that award.

## **Section 4 - Grading of Awards**

- (12) For a Doctoral degree, the award shall not be classified.
- (13) For a Masters degree, the award shall not be classified.
- (14) For a Graduate Diploma, the award shall not be classified.
- (15) For a Graduate Certificate, the award shall not be classified.
- (16) For an Honours degree, the award shall be classified as:
- a. degree with First Class Honours; or
  - b. degree with Second Class Honours which may be graded into Division 1 and Division 2 in those Faculties and Colleges that require such grading; or

- c. degree with Third Class Honours, which may be awarded in those Faculties and Colleges that require such grading.

(17) A student's overall result will determine the class of Honours awarded. The following percentage thresholds will be used to determine the class of Honours awarded.

First Class Honours	85% - 100%
Second Class Honours (Division 1)	75% - 84%
Second Class Honours (Division 2)	65% - 74%
Third Class Honours	50% - 64%

(18) Students that receive a final overall mark of 0 to-49 percent will receive a fail.

(19) For a degree for which the award of Honours is available, the award may be classified as:

- a. degree with First Class Honours; or
- b. degree with Second Class Honours, which may be graded into Division 1 and Division 2 in those Faculties and Colleges that require such grading; or
- c. degree.

(20) For a degree for which the award of Honours is not available, the award shall not be classified.

(21) For an Associate Degree or Diploma the award shall not be classified.

## Section 5 - University Medal

(22) University Medals are awarded by the University to students who have completed the requirements of a Bachelor Honours degree with first class honours, and who have demonstrated an exceptional standard of academic achievement.

(23) A University medal may be awarded to a graduating student who has:

- a. completed the requirements for a Bachelor degree of the University or other accredited higher education provider; and
- b. been awarded a Bachelor Honours degree with first class Honours by the University; and
- c. completed at least one year of full time study or part-time equivalent at the University in the course leading to the award of Honours, including all unit comprising the research component of the Honours award; and
- d. achieved a Grade Point Average of at least 6.5 for the units comprising the non-research component of the Honours award, including those in the associated Bachelor award, whether studied at the University or another institution; and
- e. achieved a grade of High Distinction in all the units comprising the research component of the Honours award; and
- f. not received a fail grade in any unit in the award relevant to the nomination, except in documented exceptional circumstances.

(24) If a student studies more than one award they are eligible to be considered for a University Medal for each.

(25) A student is ineligible for the award of a University medal if the student has been found guilty of academic or non-academic misconduct pursuant to the [Rules – Student Academic and Non-Academic Misconduct Rules](#).

(26) Subject to clauses (27) and (28), the Grade Point Average will be calculated in accordance with [Rule 3 - Coursework Awards - Student Assessment and Examinations](#).

(27) The results of a student's first 0.5 years full time study (or part time equivalent) of the relevant degree may be excluded from the Grade Point Average calculation if it benefits the student's eligibility for the award of the University Medal.

(28) For the avoidance of doubt clause (27) does not apply if a student has been awarded advanced standing for the relevant degree.

(29) In cases where a student has completed more than the required number of units for the award for which they have been nominated, the highest grades will be used in the calculation of Grade Point Average.

(30) The decision of Academic Board Executive Committee for award of the University Medal is final within the University.

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