

Curriculum Architecture Policy - Schedule 1: Course structural requirements and options

Section 1 - Purpose

This Schedule outlines the structural requirements and options available for each course or program, required volume of learning and relevant minimum or maximum credit point requirements for relevant unit of study levels.

Section 2 - Schedule

Undergraduate courses

Undergraduate certificate

Undergraduate Certificate awards have the following structural design requirements:

- a. 40cp of Core essential units
- b. All units to be at 1000 level or above
- c. If award is deemed to be higher than AQF level 5 the following additional requirements apply:
 - i. Level 6 – requires at least 20cp at 2000 level
 - ii. Level 7 – requires at least 20cp at 3000 level.

Diploma

Diploma awards have the following structural design requirements:

- a. 80cp of Core essential units
- b. All units to be at 1000 level or above

Associate Degree

Associate Degree awards are exit only awards with a structural design that reflects 160cp of the relevant Bachelor Degree award in which it is nested. This may include:

- a. Core unit option sets that reflect units within Core Majors of the relevant Bachelor Degree.
- b. Elective units where the relevant Bachelor Degree has an Elective Zone.

Structure may contain options sets to reflect students exiting with an Associate Degree may have undertaken varied patterns of study. However, the structure should reflect:

- a. A maximum of 80cp at 1000 level;
- b. A minimum of 80cp at 2000 level or above; and
- c. No more than 40cp of units undertaken as part of an Elective Zone that are not within the Core Zone or Core major of the relevant Bachelor Degree.

Bachelor Degrees

Bachelor Degrees are generally 240cp in overall volume of learning, unless a higher volume of learning is required to meet external accreditation requirements.

Bachelor awards of 240cp have four options for structural design as outlined in the following table:

240cp Bachelor model options	Zone requirements & options			Unit level requirements
	Core Zone		Elective Zone	
	Essential units	Core Major		
Model 1	240cp	No	No	All models comprise: • 80cp at 1000 level • 80cp at 2000 level • 80cp at 3000 level or above
Model 2	180cp	No	60cp	
Model 3	160cp	80cp	No	
Model 4	100cp	80cp	60cp	

All Core Majors in 240cp Bachelor Degrees will have the following structural design:

- a. 20cp at 1000 level
- b. 30cp at 2000 level
- c. 30cp at 3000 level

All Elective Majors will have the following structural design:

- a. 10cp at 1000 level
- b. 20cp at 2000 level
- c. 30cp at 3000 level

Bachelor Degrees of 320cp will be designed to align with the unit level requirements of the 240cp Bachelor Degree wherever feasible, with an additional 80cp at 4000 level or above.

Bachelor (Honours) Degrees

A Bachelor (Honours) Degree is typically an 80cp structure that is either:

- a. embedded with a Bachelor Degree as part of a 320cp structure; or
- b. a stand alone 80cp Bachelor (Honours) Degree that follows completion of a Bachelor Degree.

A Bachelor (Honours) Degree structure must

- a. have a minimum of 80cp at 4000 level or above; and
- b. include a project and/or piece of research and scholarship that has at least some level of independence.

Postgraduate courses

All postgraduate courses must be structured with units that are 6000 level or above and have a minimum of one 40cp Core Zone undertaken by all students in the course.

Foundation and Elective Zones may only be utilised in Masters Degree (Coursework) awards >80cp in volume.

An Elective Zone can only be a maximum of 40cp and contain curated options for students to ensure study undertaken in this zone is meaningful and impactful for students within the context of the specific course.

Masters Degree (Extended) awards are only for externally accredited courses where additional volume of learning is required to meet accreditation requirements.

The structural requirements and Zone options for postgraduate courses are outlined in the table below:

Award	Total credit points	Zone requirements & options				Unit level requirements	Additional course requirements
		Core	Specialisation	Foundation	Elective		
Graduate Certificate	40cp	Minimum 40cp	No	No	No	All units 6000 level or above	No
Graduate Diploma	80cp	Minimum 80cp	No	No	No	Minimum of 40cp at 7000 level or above	No
Masters Degree (Coursework)	80cp	Minimum 40cp	Maximum 40cp	No	No	All units 8000 level or above	Structure must include: a. a research project or piece of scholarship demonstrating advanced knowledge; or b. a project or practice-related experience.
	160cp	Minimum 40cp	Maximum 80cp	Maximum 80cp	Maximum 40cp	Minimum 80cp at 8000 level or above	
Masters Degree (Extended)	240cp			No	No	All units 8000 level or above	Structure must include: a. a research project or piece of scholarship demonstrating advanced knowledge; or b. a significant proportion of practice-related learning.
	320cp			No	No	All units 8000 level or above	

A 160cp Masters Degree (Coursework) may be structured to enable entry points at 120cp or 80cp in accordance with the Admission Policy and Recognition of Prior Learning Policy.