

## GRADUATE DIPLOMA AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED COMMERCE

### **1. Background**

The Faculty of Economics and Commerce wishes to introduce two exit points from the Master of Applied Commerce range of programs from 2005. These exit points would be in the form of a four subject Graduate Certificate in Applied Commerce and an eight subject Graduate Diploma in Applied Commerce.

Students who for various reasons may not be able to finish the Master of Applied Commerce degrees, or who choose not to finish the degree, currently have no option other than to leave with no award. We lose some potential students because we do not offer an early exit option. A number of our competitors offer either a stepped progression, with certificates leading to diplomas, and diplomas to the Masters degree, or a range of exit points similar to those that we are proposing. The awards we propose would only be available as exit points. All students would be required to meet the current entrance requirements and enrol in the Masters degree.

To be eligible for the Graduate Certificate in Applied Commerce a student must have completed at least three core subjects and one elective subject and for the Graduate Diploma in Applied Commerce a student must have completed at least four core subjects and four electives from the Master of Applied Commerce programs. Students must be of good standing to be eligible for these awards. Students undertaking the 16-subject streams of the Master of Applied Commerce programs must have completed the two fundamentals subjects, in addition to the requirements above, in order to be eligible for the award of the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma.

Students enrolled in the Master of Applied Commerce, Master of Electronic Commerce, Master of Applied Commerce (Accounting), Master of Applied Commerce (Business Analysis and Systems), Master of Applied Commerce (Marketing) and Master of Applied Commerce (Organisational Change), Master of Applied Commerce (International), Master of Applied Commerce (Human Resource Management), and Master of Applied Commerce (Operations Management) would all be eligible to take out these awards.

### **2. Entry Requirements**

(Provided as an exit qualification only to students enrolled in the Master of Applied Commerce. All applicants must meet the entry requirements of one of the Masters degree programs detailed below)

*For the 200 credit point Masters Program*

- an undergraduate degree in any discipline, or equivalent.

*For the 150 credit point Masters*

- an undergraduate degree in any discipline, or equivalent plus one year's relevant, documented work experience.

### **3. Course Structure**

Not Applicable. Course only available as exit points no students will be enrolled in these courses

### **4. EFTSU and Budgetary Consequences**

Not applicable