

STATUTE 5.4 - COURSES AND SUBJECTS

Council may grant degrees and diplomas

- 5.4.1 (1) The Council may grant any degree or diploma (including any certificate) specified in the regulation made under this statute in accordance with the Act and these statutes.
- (2) On the recommendation of the Board, the Council must, by regulation, specify the requirements for granting degrees and diplomas under sub-section (1).

Completion of courses

- 5.4.2 (1) Unless the appropriate faculty determines otherwise, every student must complete the courses or subjects of a Year in one attempt.
- (2) If a student does not complete the requirements of a Year in one attempt, the appropriate faculty must determine which courses or subjects, if any, of the next Year of the course may be undertaken in conjunction with the courses or subjects not completed.
- (3) Except where otherwise provided in these statutes or in regulations made by the Council, or with the express permission of the appropriate faculty, a student is not to be admitted to assessment in part two or part three of any subject unless the student has completed the preceding part or parts.

Courses at other institutions

- 5.4.3 (1) On the recommendation of the Board, the Council may agree with any other institution that the institution is to teach and assess students of the University in a specified subject.
- (2) A student may, with the approval of the appropriate faculty, enrol for any subject in respect of which an agreement has been made under sub-section (1) and receive credit for any such subject which the student completes at the other institution.

Credit for previous courses

- 5.4.4 (1) A student who has completed the whole or any part of the work in a course for a degree, diploma or certificate ('the first course') and proceeds to any other course ('the second course') having completed that work in the first course within the permitted time frame then set by the appropriate faculty, must receive credit for any subject completed in the first course which is common to both courses where -
- (a) the subject completed in the first course is a compulsory subject in the second course; or
 - (b) the first and second courses together constitute an approved combined course; or
 - (c) the student has elected not to complete or not to take out the degree, diploma or certificate for the first course but to proceed instead with the second course; or
 - (d) the Board has decided, in question that was or were in its discretion, that credit should be given for the subject or subjects completed in the first course;
- provided that the student must satisfactorily complete an additional year's work in the second course, or not less than half of that course, whichever is the lesser in order to be awarded a degree, diploma or certificate for the second course.
- (2) Where a student in the second course is entitled to receive credit for a subject in that second course, the appropriate faculty must define the student's status in the second course and determine the order in which the student may do the work and complete the subjects in the second course.

Credit for work completed prior to alteration of requirements

- 5.4.5 Notwithstanding any other statute, if the requirements for a subject are altered, the appropriate faculty may give credit to a student for any subject which the faculty considers to be the

substantial equivalent of the subject completed by the student before the requirements for the subject were altered.

Hardship arising from alteration of requirements

5.4.6 If the Board considers that a student has suffered hardship because of alterations to the requirements for the granting of degrees or diplomas, it may make special provision to alleviate the hardship.

Hardship arising from incorrect advice

5.4.7 Notwithstanding any other statute, if the Board considers that-

- (a) any student has suffered hardship by reason of acting upon incorrect information or advice provided by any member of the academic or administrative staff of the University or appearing in any publication of the University; and
- (b) the student had reasonable grounds for acting upon such information or advice,

the Board, after consultation with the appropriate faculty, may make such provision to alleviate the hardship as it thinks fit.

Service in the Australian Defence Force

5.4.8 (1) A student who has been unable to continue a course for a degree or diploma by reason of his or her full-time service in the Australian Defence Force may apply to the Board for an adjustment or modification of the curriculum for the course.

(2) If an application is made under sub-section (1), the Board may, after a report from the appropriate faculty, adjust or modify the curriculum to meet the case of the student.

Disabled students

5.4.9 If a student is unable to undertake a subject or part of a subject in a course for a degree or diploma by reason of a physical disability, the Board, after consultation with the appropriate faculty, may vary the requirements of the course for the student and impose any conditions it considers appropriate.

Leave

5.4.10 (1) A student who wishes to interrupt his or her course must seek and obtain leave from the appropriate faculty.

(2) If a student interrupts his or her course without leave from the appropriate faculty, the Board may, on the recommendation of the faculty, terminate the student's enrolment or suspend the student from the course.

Attendance at lectures

5.4.11 (1) The Council may, by regulation, require students enrolled in any subject to attend the lectures given in that subject.

(2) Subject to sub-section (3), if a student is required to attend a course of lectures, the student is not to be taken to have satisfied the requirement unless he or she attends at least three-quarters of the lectures given.

(3) In special circumstances, the Board or the appropriate faculty may declare, with or without conditions, that a student who has not attended at least three-quarters of the lectures given is to be taken to have met the attendance requirement.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the Board may, in special circumstances, accept the attendance by a student at lectures at times other than as prescribed by the statutes or by regulation of the Council, if the Board is satisfied that the student's attendance at such lectures is equivalent to attendance at the prescribed lectures.

Annual review of subjects

5.4.12 (1) The appropriate faculty must conduct an annual review of the requirements of subjects pertaining to that appropriate faculty and subjects which have been assigned for administrative purposes to that faculty and must submit its recommendations to the Board before the Board's meeting in the month of September each year.

(2) A review under this section must include-

- (a) consideration of details of subjects for lectures and assessments pertaining to the appropriate faculty; and
 - (b) consideration of the relative weights to be given in assessment for any prize, exhibition or scholarship to the subjects of any Year in any course pertaining to the appropriate faculty.
- (3) If a course for a degree or diploma pertaining to one appropriate faculty involves a requirement for a student to pass a subject or complete a course in another appropriate faculty, the details of the subject or course must be determined by that other appropriate faculty.
- (4) Notwithstanding sub-section (3) the requirements for the subjects of Physiology are in all cases to be determined by the faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.

Board to prescribe subjects

- 5.4.13 (1) On the recommendations of the faculties, the Board must annually prescribe all details of subjects for lectures and assessment in the University.
- (2) If a subject pertains to more than one faculty and the faculties concerned make different recommendations in respect of the subject, the Board must consult with the faculties before prescribing details of the subject.
- (3) If a subject pertains to only one faculty, the Board must adopt the faculty's recommendation if, after consultation, the faculty declines to alter it.
- (4) The Board must provide to the Council a copy of all resolutions made under this section.

Suspension of subjects

- 5.4.14 On the recommendation of the Board, the Council may suspend lectures and assessment in a subject for a period not exceeding three years.

Academic registrar to publish details of subjects

- 5.4.15 (1) The academic registrar must publish the details of subjects prescribed by the Board under section 5.4.13 on or before 31 October each year, or as soon as practicable after that date.
- (2) The details of subjects are not to be altered or added to without the consent of the Council after they have been approved for publication by the Board.

Academic registrar to publish book lists

- 5.4.16 (1) On the recommendation of the faculties, the academic registrar must publish on or before 31 October each year, or as soon as practicable after that date, lists of books prescribed for each subject.
- (2) The lists published under this section may not be altered or added to without the consent of the Board.

Dealing with hardship

- 5.4.17 Where the Board is to deal with hardship under either section 6 or section 7 it must establish a committee of five members to make recommendations to it.

Vice-chancellor may also make regulations under this statute

- 5.4.18 In addition to any powers of Council, the vice-chancellor may also make regulations for the purposes of 5.4.1(1) specifying degrees, diplomas and certificates.

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