

RULE CHANGES APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Pursuant to the UTS Bylaw (Part 4, division 3, clause 44), the following rule changes made by UTS Council with effect from 8 December 2010.

At its meeting 10/7 on 24 November 2010, Council resolved to approve amendments to the Rules as follows:

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Council resolved to:

- .3 approve the amendments to the Student and Related Rules Schedule 3 Results and Grades, as detailed in Attachment 2 for implementation from 8 December 2010;
- .4 approve the amendments to the Student and Related Rule 8.3.1(5) Special consideration during the teaching period, as detailed in Attachment 3, for implementation from 8 December 2010;
- .5 approve the amendments to Student and Related Rule 11.18.3 as detailed in Attachment 4 of Document 5.1 effective from 8 December 2010;

ATTACHMENT 2 (resolution .3 above)

Student Rules – Schedule 3 — Results and Grades

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SCHEDULE 3 — RESULTS AND GRADES

Grade	Mark Range	Grade Point Average¹ Score	Descriptor
High Distinction	85–100	4	Work of outstanding quality on all objectives of the subject, which may be demonstrated by means of criticism, logical argument, interpretation of materials or use of methodology. This grade may also be given to recognise particular originality or creativity.
Distinction	75–84	<u>3.5</u>	Work of superior quality on all objectives, demonstrating a sound grasp of content, together with efficient organisation and selectivity.

Credit	65–74	<u>2.5</u>	Work of good quality showing more than satisfactory achievement on all objectives, or work of superior quality on most of the objectives.
Pass	50–64	<u>1.5</u>	Work showing a satisfactory achievement on the overall objectives of the subject.
Pass — Not Graded		n/a ²	Work showing a satisfactory achievement on the overall objectives of the subject.
Satisfactory		n/a	Awarded for projects or theses.
Fail (X)		<u>0.5</u>	Unsatisfactory performance in a compulsory component of the subject.
Fail	0–49	<u>0.5</u>	Unsatisfactory performance in one or more objectives of the subject as contained within the assessment items.
Other notations			
Industrial Experience			Professional Experience/Industrial Training. A number may appear next to this grade to indicate the level of Industrial Experience.
Withdrawn			Granted withdrawal from a subject without academic fail after the due date.
Withdrawn/Fail			Withdrawn after the due date.
Administrative notations — results not finalised			
E			Grade not submitted.
Q			Result pending the completion of a project, clinical practicum or field excursion where the student has not completed assessment task(s) by the end of the teaching period.
T	45–49		Formal supplementary examination to be completed within a designated examination period before a grade can be awarded.
W			Result withheld. The Result Ratification Committee may determine that supplementary assessments are required, or that alternative examiners and/or alternative assessments are required because of misadventure.

¹ The grade point average is an internationally recognised measure of a student's academic achievement in a course. The grade point average is the average of all grades achieved by a student in a course of study weighted by the credit point value of each subject approved by the Academic Board.

² not applicable.

ATTACHMENT 3 (resolution .4 above)

Student Rules – 8.3 Special consideration of disruption to assessment

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8.3 Special consideration of disruption to assessment

8.3.1 During the teaching period

- (1) Students may experience a disruption to their assessment in a subject as a result of circumstances beyond their control, including but not limited to serious illness, psychological conditions, significant loss, bereavement, hardship or trauma.
- (2) Students who consider that their work during a teaching period or likely performance in an assessment task or written examination has been thus affected may request to have these factors considered.
- (3) Such requests for special consideration must include relevant documentary evidence from an appropriate professional authority (refer Rule 2.4).
- (4) Such requests for special consideration are to be lodged with the Registrar (or nominee)
 - (a) in the case of a written examination prior to the commencement of the examination; or
 - (b) in the case of an assessment task other than a written examination prior to the due date.
- (5) In special circumstances the relevant ~~Responsible Academic Officer~~ Subject Coordinator may extend the due date for submission of such requests within guidelines determined by the relevant Responsible Academic Officer.
- (6) Requests are considered and determined by the relevant Faculty Responsible Academic Officer, the Subject Coordinator or by the relevant Faculty Result Ratification Committee.

ATTACHMENT 4 (resolution .5 above)

Student Rules – 11.18 Examination of Thesis

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11.18 Examination of Thesis

11.18.3 On the recommendation of the Responsible Academic Officer the Dean, University Graduate School shall appoint examiners, which in normal circumstances shall be as follows:

- (1) in the case of a Doctoral degree, at least three examiners ~~two of whom~~ all of whom must be external examiners;
- (2) in the case of a Masters degree, at least two examiners ~~one of whom~~ both of whom must be external examiners;
- (3) a member of the student's supervisory panel is not normally permitted to be an examiner.