

## RULE CHANGES APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Pursuant to the UTS By-law (Part 4, division 3, clause 44), the following rule changes made by UTS Council effective 1 May 2012.

At its meeting 12/2 on 18 April 2012, Council resolved to approve amendments to the Rules as follows:

### COU/12-2/28

Council resolved to:

- .4 approve the proposed changes to Rules 11.2 Course Requirements, 11.7 Period of candidature and 11.15 Thesis requirements, as detailed in Attachment 2;

Attachment 2 reads:

(Additions **bold underlined** and deletions in ~~strike through~~.)

### 11.2 Course requirements

11.2.1 Students admitted to doctoral degrees are required to:

- (1) undertake a program of study and research which demonstrates the capability for substantial independent research or creative activity and which has made an original and distinct contribution to knowledge and/or professional practice in the relevant field; and
- (2) undertake a research component which is to comprise no less than two-thirds of the total course requirement; and
- (3) submit a thesis, which may include a product and/or artefact, in a format according to requirements specified by the University Graduate School Board.

11.2.2 Students admitted to masters degrees by research are required to:

- (1) undertake a program of study and research which demonstrates competence in research or creative activity as well as an understanding of and contribution to knowledge; and
- (2) undertake a research component which is to comprise no less than two-thirds of the total course requirement; and
- (3) submit a thesis, which may include a product and/or artefact, in a format according to requirements specified by the University Graduate School Board.

~~11.2.3 Students admitted to a doctoral degree by publication are required to:~~

- ~~(1) submit a thesis consisting of their published works, which may include a product and/or artefact; and~~

~~(2) submit an extended overview paper~~

~~which together demonstrate that the collective publications form an original and significant contribution to knowledge.~~

### **11.7 Period of candidature**

11.7.1 The maximum time to complete a research degree is as follows:

(1) Doctoral degree by research, professional Doctoral degree and Doctoral degree by creative works:

(a) four years for a full-time student; or

(b) eight years for a part-time student.

~~(2) Doctoral degree by publication:~~

~~(a) one year for a full-time student.~~

~~(3) (2) Masters degree by research:~~

(a) two years for a full-time student; or

(b) four years for a part-time student.

11.7.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of 11.7.1 above, a student who has had prior study and research recognised as contributing to the requirements of the current course may be required by the Dean, University Graduate School to complete the program in less than the normal time.

### **11.15 Thesis requirements**

11.15.1 The nature and format of a thesis shall reflect international practices in the discipline or field and provide evidence of completion of substantial research or creative work in the form of:

(1) a written document which may include previously published work as appropriate; or

(2) material which is not 'print on paper' but which gives evidence of a scholarly or creative work;  
or

(3) a combination of (1) and (2); ~~or~~

~~(4) in the case of a Doctoral degree by publication, the published works and an extended overview paper of normally between 5,000 and 10,000 words, which incorporates:~~

~~(a) details of sources from which the works were derived;~~

~~(b) details of the extent to which the work of others has been utilised;~~

~~(c) details of the extent to which the applicant was responsible for the initiation, conduct and direction of any joint works submitted;~~

~~(d) evidence that the publications have standing as significant contributions to knowledge;~~

~~(e) a declaration identifying any of the submitted works that have been submitted for a qualification of any tertiary institution; and~~

~~(f) all works, apart from quotations, to be presented in, or translated into English, unless otherwise approved.~~

11.15.2 A thesis shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) it must normally be in English; and

(2) it must reach a satisfactory standard of presentation; and

~~(3) that should a student wish to write a thesis in a language other than English, an application must be made to the Dean, University Graduate School via the relevant faculty committee within the first six months of candidature.~~

~~(4) the Dean, University Graduate School will consider such an application on the condition that full justification must be provided by the faculty for presenting a thesis in a language other than English.~~

~~(5) post examination, a substantial summary of the thesis (approximately 5,000–10,000 words) in English must be bound in the thesis and include an introduction, brief chapter outline and conclusion. Examiner reports for the thesis must be available in English.~~

~~(6) it must consist of the student's own account of his or her work, except that in special cases work done conjointly with other persons may be accepted provided the Dean, University Graduate School is satisfied as to the extent of the student's part in the joint work; and~~

~~(7) it must be embodied in a format as approved by the Dean, University Graduate School; and~~

~~(8) it must contain an abstract of not more than 400 words and written in a form suitable for publication; and~~

~~(9) it must not include any work or material previously submitted in full or in part for another award, except as fully acknowledged within the text of the thesis; and~~

~~(10) it may include work previously published by the student only if it bears on the subject of the thesis. Joint publications will be acceptable provided the Dean, University Graduate School is satisfied with the graduate research student's part in the joint work.~~

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**(4) it must be embodied in a format as approved by the Dean, University Graduate School;**

**(5) it must contain an abstract of not more than 400 words and written in a form suitable for publication;**

**(6) it must not include any work or material previously submitted in full or in part for another award, except as fully acknowledged within the text of the thesis; and,**

**(7) it may include work previously published by the student only if it bears on the subject of the thesis. Joint publications will be acceptable provided the Dean, University Graduate School is satisfied with the graduate research student's part in the joint work.**

**11.15.3 In the event that a student wishes to present a thesis in a language other than in English, the following requirements must be complied with:**

**(1) an application for approval must be made to the Dean, University Graduate School via the relevant Faculty Committee within the first six months of candidature, such application to include the justification for presenting a thesis in a language other than English;**

**(2) approval has been given by the Dean, University Graduate School, to the presentation of the thesis in the specified language;**

**(3) the thesis complies with Rules 11.5.2 (2)-(7);**

**(4) following examination, a substantial summary of the thesis (approximately 5,000-10,000 words) in English should be bound in the thesis, such summary to include an introduction, brief chapter outline, and conclusion; and,**

**(5) examiner reports for the thesis must be available in English.**