

## AGENDA ITEM 12

## Report of the Research and Research Training Committee

**12.2 Report of the Research and Research Training Committee meeting held on 10 June 2009**

The Committee met on 10 June 2009 when there were present: The Chair (Professor B Sutton) presiding; Professors J Christodoulou, G Clarke, T Hambley, J Kril, A McBratney, B Paltridge, K Refshauge; Associate Professors A Ammit, M Fairskye, J Keene, K Marsh, P. McCallum and D Waters; Dr I Shariv (until 3pm), Mr W Dawson (until 3pm), and Mr N Wilson (for Ms R Kumar). Mr M Charet was in attendance.

The full agenda for the meeting may be accessed on the web at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/committees/rrtc/agendas.shtml>

**12.2.1 Proposals for New and Amended Courses****12.2.1.1 Faculty of Arts: Master of Philosophy***pages H4-H7*

A proposal from the Faculty of Arts was circulated, seeking approval for several changes to the degree of Master of Philosophy; namely, to offer the subject area International and Comparative Literary Studies in the postgraduate research degrees offered through the faculty from 1 January 2010, and to amend the time limits for the Master of Philosophy in order to bring it into line with the Research Training Scheme (RTS) requirements. It was suggested that the proposal be reframed in terms of semester rather than year, and pending this change the proposal was unanimously approved by the Research and Research Training Committee.

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts, as modified, to amend the Master of Philosophy, and*
- (2) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Faculty relating to the course,*

*with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.*

**12.2.1.2 Faculty of Medicine: Master of Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV)/Master of Philosophy and Master of Science in Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases /HIV)/Master of Philosophy***pages F5-F6, F70-F72, F76-F88 in Graduate Studies Committee report*

This proposal was put forward by the Faculty of Medicine to better address the needs of the students in this program, by dividing the current 72 credit point masters programs (which contain a 24 credit point treatise) into a 48 credit point masters degree with an embedded Master of Philosophy. It was noted that the proposal had also been forwarded to the Graduate Studies Committee. The proposal was unanimously approved by the Research and Research Training Committee.

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV)/Master of Philosophy and the Master of Science in Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV)/Master of Philosophy, and*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
  - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal;*

- (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine; and*
- (c) *approve the introduction of the Resolutions of Senate related to the combined degrees;*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to the courses; with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.*

**12.2.1.3 Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery: Doctor of Midwifery, Doctor of Nursing, Master of Midwifery Research, Master of Midwifery Research (Honours), Master of Nursing Research, Master of Nursing Research (Honours)** *pages H8-H21*

The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery put forward a proposal to rescind the listed degrees as they have attracted limited or no enrolments for a number of years. Noting that there was one student currently enrolled in the Master of Nursing Research, the faculty was advised that until this student graduated, it would be necessary to retain the degree and it was suggested that the faculty contact Ms Megan Kemmis to discuss changing the wording of the proposal to reflect this. Subject to resolution of this issue, the proposal was unanimously approved by the Research and Research Training Committee.

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, as amended, to rescind the Doctor of Midwifery, Doctor of Nursing, Master of Midwifery Research, Master of Midwifery Research (Honours), Master of Nursing Research, and Master of Nursing Research (Honours);*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
  - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal;*
  - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery; and*
  - (c) *approve the rescission of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course; and*
- (3) *approve the rescission of the Faculty Resolutions relating to the course;*  
*with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.*

**12.2.1.4 Sydney College of the Arts: Master of Fine Arts** *pages H22-H25*

The Sydney College of the Arts put forward a proposal to change the name of the Master of Visual Arts to the Master of Fine Arts, with effect from 1 January, 2010. Associate Professor Fairskye advised that this change was driven by international usage, noting that use of the new name had become the international standard. The proposal was unanimously approved by the Research and Research Training Committee.

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Sydney College of the Arts to change the name of the Master of Visual Arts to the Master of Fine Arts;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
  - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal;*
  - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney College of the Arts and relating to the course; and*

- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree; with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.*

## **12.2.2 Academic Board Phase Three Faculty Review Report**

### **12.2.2.1 Sydney College of the Arts**

The Research and Research Training Committee considered the recommendations in the Academic Board Phase Three Faculty Review Report for the Sydney College of the Arts. A full copy of the report is available on the Learning and Teaching Committee's website at:

[http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/committees/learn\\_teach/Agendas/Agendas\\_2009/LTC\\_May09\\_Item\\_7.1 - Phase 3 Review Report - SCA.pdf](http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/committees/learn_teach/Agendas/Agendas_2009/LTC_May09_Item_7.1_-_Phase_3_Review_Report_-_SCA.pdf)

#### ***Recommendation***

*That the Academic Board note the report of the Phase Three Academic Board Faculty Review Report of the Sydney College of the Arts.*

## **12.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee**

### **12.2.3.1 Report of the Chair and Report of Academic Board**

The Committee noted the report of the Academic Board meeting of 27 May 2009, and the oral report of the Chair. The Chair advised the Committee on the progress of the review of the Academic Board, and also advised that he would act as Chair of the Research and Research Training Committee until a suitable replacement could be found. The Deputy Chair of the Academic Board noted discussion of the use of the word "doctor" in the titles of degrees at the University.

### **12.2.3.2 Other Reports**

The Committee also noted:

- update reports from the PhD Review Working Party, Master of Philosophy Working Party and Open Access Working Party;
- the report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting of 19 May 2009, including the First Quarter Report;
- an update report on the Research Management Program
- the report on the Academic Board Phase 3 Review: Sydney College of the Arts; and
- a report of the Sydney College of the Arts Board relating to PhD candidature.

## Resolutions of the Faculty

### Master of Philosophy

The Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Master of Philosophy in the Faculty of Arts are amended, with effect from 1 January 2010, as follows (additions indicated by underlined, deletions indicated by strikethrough):

### Master of Philosophy

#### 1. Award of the degree

1.1 The degree of Master of Philosophy shall be awarded in one grade only.

1.2 If the Faculty is of the opinion that the candidate's work is of sufficient merit, that candidate shall receive a bronze medal.

1.3 A candidate who has completed the requirements but has not qualified for the award of the degree may be awarded the degree of Master of Arts.

#### 2. Nomenclature

2.1 Candidates admitted to candidature for the degree from 1991 onwards will be admitted to the degree of Master of Philosophy on completion of requirements.

2.2 Candidates for the degree of Master of Arts (Honours) who commenced prior to 1991 may elect to be admitted to the degree of Master of Arts (Honours) or the degree of Master of Philosophy on successful completion of requirements, provided that requirements for the degree are completed not later than December 1994.

2.3 Candidates referred to in section 2.2 who complete the requirements for the degree after 1994 may only be admitted to the degree of Master of Philosophy.

#### 3. Eligibility for admission

3.1 An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree shall except as provided in Part 9, section 47 of the *University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999 (as amended)*:

3.1.1 be a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) of the University of Sydney or, in special cases, be a graduate with honours of another faculty or board of studies of the University; and

3.1.2 have obtained honours in a subject within the subject area in which the applicant seeks to proceed; or

3.1.3 hold the degree of Master of Arts awarded with merit in an appropriate subject area; or

3.1.4 hold the degree of bachelor and have completed courses at a level deemed by the Faculty to be equivalent to honours in an appropriate subject area.

3.2 An applicant for admission to candidature proposing to proceed primarily by research and thesis must in support of the application nominate for the approval of the head of the department concerned a proposal for a program of study in the subject area nominated.

3.3 Applicants may be required to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Faculty their ability to proceed by the method nominated.

#### 4. Availability

4.1 Admission to candidature for the degree may be limited by quota.

4.2 In determining the quota the University will take into account:

4.2.1 availability of resources, including space, library, equipment and computing facilities; and

4.2.2 availability of adequate and appropriate supervision, including both the supervision of research candidatures and the coordination of coursework programs.

4.3 In considering an applicant for admission to candidature the Faculty may take account of the quota and will select in preference applicants who are most meritorious in terms of the eligibility for admission criteria.

#### 5. Probationary admission

5.1 A candidate may be accepted by the faculty on a probationary basis for a period not exceeding 12 months and upon completion of this period the Faculty shall review the candidate's work and shall either:

5.1.1 confirm the candidate's status; or

5.1.2 terminate the candidature.

5.2 In the case of a candidate accepted on a probationary basis, the candidature shall be deemed to have commenced from the date of acceptance.

#### 6. Method of progression

6.1 A candidate for the degree shall proceed primarily by research and thesis.

### **7. Subject areas**

7.1 The degree may be taken in the following subject areas:

- 7.1.1 Anthropology
- 7.1.2 Applied Linguistics (Language in Education)
- 7.1.3 Arabic and Islamic Studies
- 7.1.4 Archaeology
- 7.1.5 Art History and Theory
- 7.1.6 Asian Studies
- 7.1.7 Celtic Studies
- 7.1.8 Classics
- 7.1.9 Digital Cultures
- 7.1.10 English
- 7.1.11 French Studies
- 7.1.12 Gender Studies
- 7.1.13 German
- 7.1.14 Greek
- 7.1.15 Hebrew, Biblical and Jewish Studies
- 7.1.16 Historical Archaeology
- 7.1.17 History
- 7.1.18 International and Comparative Literary Studies
- 7.1.19 Italian
- 7.1.20 Italian Renaissance Studies
- 7.1.21 Latin
- 7.1.22 Linguistics
- 7.1.23 Medieval Studies
- 7.1.24 Modern Greek
- 7.1.25 Museum Studies
- 7.1.26 Peace and Conflict Studies
- 7.1.27 Performance Studies
- 7.1.28 Philosophy
- 7.1.29 Religious Studies
- 7.1.30 Semiotics
- 7.1.31 Social Studies
- 7.1.32 Southeast Asian Studies
- 7.1.33 Spanish and Latin American Studies
- 7.1.34 US Studies

### **8. Time Limits**

8.1 A candidate may proceed on either a full-time basis or a part-time basis.

8.2.1 A full-time candidate shall complete the requirements for the degree:

8.2.1.1 not earlier than the end of the first year of candidature; and

8.2.1.2 unless otherwise determined by the Faculty, not later than the end of the ~~third~~ second year of candidature.

8.2.2 A part-time candidate shall complete the requirements for the degree:

8.2.2.1 not earlier than the end of the second year of candidature; and

8.2.2.2 unless otherwise determined by the Faculty, not later than the end of the ~~sixth~~ fourth year of candidature.

8.2.3 The earliest and latest dates for completion of requirements for the degree shall be adjusted for those candidates wishing to proceed on a part-time basis following their admission to candidature on a full-time basis, and vice versa.

### **9. Credit**

9.1 A candidate who, before admission to candidature, has spent time in advanced study in the University of Sydney or in another university or institution, may be deemed by the Faculty to have spent such time after admission to candidature:

9.1.1 provided that it represents no more than half of the total candidature, except for special cases where it may be deemed by the Faculty to represent a greater proportion of the candidature up to the total candidature, and

9.1.2 provided that attendance requirements as prescribed by the resolution of the Faculty are otherwise met.

#### **10. Supervision**

10.1 The Faculty shall appoint, on the recommendation of the head of the department concerned, a full-time member of the academic staff of the department to act as supervisor of each candidate proceeding primarily by research and thesis.

10.2 The Faculty may appoint, on the recommendation of the head of department concerned, from amongst appropriately qualified persons, an associate supervisor to assist in the supervision of any candidature within the Faculty.

#### **11. Requirements for the degree**

11.1 A candidate proceeding primarily by research and thesis shall:

11.1.1 complete such seminars and such courses as may be prescribed by the head of department concerned;

11.1.2 carry out supervised research on a topic approved by the Faculty on the recommendation of the head of the department concerned;

11.1.3 write a thesis embodying the results of the research; and in completion of the requirements for the degree; and

11.1.4 lodge with the Registrar three copies of this thesis, typewritten and bound in either a temporary or permanent form.

11.2.1 Theses submitted in a temporary binding should be strong enough to withstand ordinary handling and postage;

11.2.2 the preferred form of temporary binding is the 'Perfect Binding' system;

11.2.3 ring-back or spiral binding is not acceptable.

11.3 Theses submitted in a temporary form shall have fixed to the cover a label clearly identifying the name of the candidate:

11.3.1 the title of the thesis;

11.3.2 and the year of submission.

11.4.1 These submitted in bound form shall normally be on international standard A4 size paper sewn and bound in boards covered with bookcloth or buckram or other binding fabric.

11.4.2 The title of the thesis, the candidate's initials and surname, the title of the degree, the year of submission and the name of the University of Sydney should appear in lettering on the front cover or on the title page.

11.4.3 The lettering on the spine, reading from top to bottom, should conform as far as possible to the above except that the name of the University of Sydney may be omitted and the thesis title abbreviated;

11.4.4 Supporting material should be bound in the back of the thesis as an appendix or in a separate set of covers.

11.5 The degree shall not be awarded until the candidate has caused at least one copy of the thesis (containing any corrections or amendments that may be required) to be bound in permanent form.

11.6 The candidate shall state in the thesis

11.6.1 the sources from which the information was derived;

11.6.2 the extent to which the work of others has been used; and

11.6.3 the portion of the work claimed as original.

11.7 The thesis shall be accompanied by a statement from the supervisor stating whether, in the supervisor's opinion, the form of presentation of the thesis is satisfactory.

11.8 A candidate may not present as the thesis a work which has been presented for a degree in this or another university, but will not be precluded from incorporating such in the thesis provided that in presenting the thesis the candidate indicates the part of the work which has been so incorporated.

#### **12. Requirements for the degree by coursework**

12.1 A candidate proceeding primarily by coursework shall complete such courses; attend such seminars; and complete such essay or other written work as may be prescribed by the Faculty on the recommendation of the head of department concerned.

### **13. Examination**

13.1 On completion of the requirements for the degree by a candidate proceeding primarily by research and thesis, the Faculty, on the recommendation of the head of department concerned, shall appoint at least two examiners to examine and report on the thesis.

13.2 The reports of the examiners shall be made available to the head of department who shall consult with the professor most concerned, if the professor is not the head of the department, and the supervisor.

13.3 The head of the department shall report the result of the examination of the candidature, together with a recommendation concerning the award of the degree, to the Faculty which shall determine the result.

13.4 In special cases the Faculty, on recommendation of the head of the department concerned, may require the candidate to take a further examination in the area of the thesis.

13.5 The Faculty may:

13.5.1 permit an unsuccessful candidate to revise and resubmit the thesis if, in the opinion of the head of the department concerned, the candidate's work is of sufficient merit to warrant this concession; and

13.5.2 may prescribe special conditions to be fulfilled by the candidate.

13.6 On completion of the requirements for the degree by a candidate proceeding primarily by coursework the head of the department shall report the result of the examination of the coursework to the Faculty which shall determine the result of the candidature.

### **14. Progress**

14.1 The Faculty may, on the recommendation of the head of the department concerned, call upon any candidate to show cause why that candidature should not be terminated by reason of unsatisfactory progress towards completion of the degree; and where, in the opinion of the Faculty, the candidate does not show good cause, terminate the candidature.

### **15. Location**

15.1 A candidate pursuing candidature outside New South Wales must also complete a minimum of one semester of candidature within the University before submission of the thesis.

## Amendments to Resolutions of Senate

### Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

The Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery are amended, with effect from 1 January 2010, as follows (additions indicated by underlined, deletions indicated by strikethrough):

### Degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

1. The degrees in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery shall be:

- 1.1 Bachelor of Nursing (Post-Registration)
- 1.2 Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) (BN (Hons))
- 1.3 Bachelor of Nursing (Indigenous Australian Health) (BN(IAH))
- 1.4 Bachelor of Health Science/Master of Nursing
- 1.5 Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science)/Master of Nursing
- 1.6 Bachelor of Science/Master of Nursing
- 1.7 Bachelor of Arts/Master of Nursing
- 1.8 Master of Cancer Nursing (MCaN)
- 1.9 Master of Cancer & Haematology Nursing (MCaHaemN)
- 1.10 Master of Clinical Nursing (MClinN)
- 1.11 Master of Clinical Trials Research (MClinTRes)
- 1.12 Master of Emergency Nursing (MEmergN)
- 1.13 Master of Health Services Management
- 1.14 Master of Intensive Care Nursing (MIntCarN)
- 1.15 Master of Mental Health Nursing (MMHlthN)
- ~~1.24 Master of Midwifery Research (MMidRes)~~
- ~~1.25 Master of Midwifery Research (Honours) (MMidRes (Hons))~~
- 1.16 Master of Nursing (MN)
- 1.17 Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) (MN (NP))
- ~~1.28 Master of Nursing Research (MNRes)~~
- ~~1.29 Master of Nursing Research (Honours) (MNRes (Hons))~~
- 1.18 Master of Philosophy (Nursing) (MPhil(Nurs))
- ~~1.31 Doctor of Midwifery (DM)~~
- ~~1.32 Doctor of Nursing (DN)~~
- 1.19 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

2. The diplomas in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery shall be:

- 2.1 Graduate Diploma in Cancer Nursing (GradDipCaN)
- 2.2 Graduate Diploma in Cancer & Haematology Nursing (GradDipCaHaemN)
- 2.3 Graduate Diploma in Clinical Nursing (GradDipClinN)
- 2.4 Graduate Diploma in Clinical Trials Research (GradDipClinTRes)
- 2.5 Graduate Diploma in Emergency Nursing (GradDipEmergN)
- 2.6 Graduate Diploma in Intensive Care Nursing (GradDipICN)
- 2.7 Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing (GradDipMHN)

3. The certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery shall be:

- 3.1 Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing (GradCertCaN)
- 3.2 Graduate Certificate in Cancer & Haematology Nursing (GradCertCaHaemN)
- 3.3 Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing (GradCertClinN)
- 3.4 Graduate Certificate in Emergency Nursing (GradCertEmergN)
- 3.5 Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing (GradCertMHN)
- 3.6 Graduate Certificate in Health Services Management
- 3.7 Graduate Certificate in Intensive Care Nursing (GradCertIntCareN)

## Amendments to Resolutions of Senate

### Doctor of Midwifery, Doctor of Nursing

The Resolutions of Senate relating to the Doctor of Midwifery and Doctor of Nursing in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery are amended, with effect from 1 January 2010, as follows (additions indicated by underlined, deletions indicated by strikethrough):

### Doctor of Midwifery, Doctor of Nursing

#### Doctor of Midwifery

##### 1. ~~Requirements for the Doctor of Midwifery~~

1.1 ~~To qualify for the award of the Doctor of Midwifery a student must:~~

1.1.1 ~~complete all coursework requirements as prescribed by the Faculty;~~

1.1.2 ~~carry out supervised research on a topic approved by the Faculty;~~

1.1.3 ~~write a thesis embodying the results of this research that passes examination; and~~

1.1.4 ~~satisfy the requirements of all other relevant By-laws, Rules and Resolutions of the University.~~

#### Doctor of Nursing

##### 1. ~~Requirements for the Doctor of Nursing~~

1.1 ~~To qualify for the award of the Doctor of Nursing a student must:~~

1.1.1 ~~complete all coursework requirements as prescribed by the Faculty;~~

1.1.2 ~~carry out supervised research on a topic approved by the Faculty;~~

1.1.3 ~~write a thesis embodying the results of this research that passes examination; and~~

1.1.4 ~~satisfy the requirements of all other relevant By-laws, Rules and Resolutions of the University.~~

## Amendments to the Resolutions of the Faculty

### **Doctor of Midwifery, Doctor of Nursing, Master of Midwifery Research, Master of Midwifery Research (Honours), Master of Nursing Research, Master of Nursing Research (Honours)**

The Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Doctor of Midwifery and Doctor of Nursing, Master of Midwifery Research, Master of Midwifery Research (Honours), Master of Nursing Research, Master of Nursing Research (Honours) in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery are amended, with effect from 1 January 2010, as follows (additions indicated by underlined, deletions indicated by strikethrough):

### **Doctor of Midwifery, Doctor of Nursing, Master of Midwifery Research, Master of Midwifery Research (Honours), Master of Nursing Research, Master of Nursing Research (Honours)**

#### **Doctor of Midwifery**

##### **1. Admission**

1.1 ~~Applicants for admission to candidature for the course, Doctor of Midwifery shall:~~

1.1.1 ~~normally hold a recognised masters degree in nursing with a minimum 10,000 word written component; or~~

1.1.2 ~~an Australian honours degree in nursing with second class honours or better; or~~

1.1.3 ~~a qualification equivalent to an honours or masters degree; or~~

1.1.4 ~~demonstrate a high level of achievement equivalent to 1.1.1, 1.1.2 or 1.1.3; and~~

1.1.5 ~~possess professional practice experience of not less than five years.~~

1.2 ~~Applicants shall:~~

1.1.2 ~~submit with their application an outline of the proposed course of advanced study and research including:~~

1.1.2.1 ~~the area of proposed research~~

1.1.2.2 ~~proposals for any practicum; and~~

1.1.2.3 ~~proposals for related coursework units of study.~~

1.3 ~~An applicant for admission to part-time candidature shall submit with the application a written undertaking that the applicant will:~~

1.3.1 ~~have sufficient time available to complete the requirements for the degree in accordance with section 13 of these resolutions; and~~

1.3.2 ~~be able to attend at the University at such times and on such occasions for purposes of consultation and participation in Faculty activities, as may be required.~~

##### **2. Units of study**

2.1 ~~Units of study are set out on the Faculty website.~~

##### **3. Requirements for the Doctor of Midwifery**

3.1 ~~Except with the permission of the Faculty, a candidate will pursue an approved course of advanced study, professional practice and research in the following manner;~~

3.1.1 ~~complete successfully coursework and research leading to a thesis including;~~

3.1.1.1 ~~a minimum of 48 credit points of coursework units of study with at least one unit of study dealing with research methods appropriate to the research proposal; and~~

3.1.2 ~~a thesis of approximately 50,000 words (or equivalent) in length investigating a specific aspect of professional practice; and~~

3.1.3 ~~complete successfully all requirements for the degree within the maximum calendar time allowed; and~~

3.1.4 ~~satisfy the requirements of all other relevant By-laws, Rules and Resolutions of The University of Sydney.~~

##### **4. Award of the Doctor of Midwifery**

4.1 ~~The Doctor of Midwifery shall be awarded in one grade only, namely the Pass certificate.~~

##### **5. Details of units of study**

5.1 ~~Refer to the Faculty website.~~

##### **6. Enrolment in more/less than minimum load**

- ~~6.1 Candidates who have a shown significant academic ability may, at the discretion of the Dean, be allowed to undertake more than the prescribed 24 credit points per semester.~~
- ~~6.2 Candidates who can demonstrate good reason as to why they should be allowed to undertake less than 12 credit points in any one semester may, at the discretion of the Dean, be permitted to do so.~~
- 7. Cross-institutional study**
- ~~7.1 Candidates enrolled in the Doctor of Midwifery may have credit granted on the basis of work completed at another university or institution as part of a program of cross-institutional study, but may not exceed 18 credit points.~~
- 8. Restrictions on enrolment**
- ~~8.1 In considering an application for admission to candidature the Faculty will select in preference applicants who are most meritorious in terms of the admission criteria.~~
- 9. Discontinuation of enrolment**
- ~~9.1 A student who has discontinued candidature or whose candidature is deemed to have lapsed must apply for re-admission in accordance with the current procedures for new applicants to the degree.~~
- 10. Suspension of enrolment**
- ~~10.1 Suspension of candidature is only applicable in cases of hardship or activities on the part of the student that are of national or state importance/are of a significant nature.~~
- ~~10.2 Examples of hardship may be illness or financial difficulties. Activities of a significant nature may be the inclusion of the student on a national sporting team, orchestra, etc that requires him/her to travel extensively for a specific period of time.~~
- ~~10.3 The granting of a suspension of candidature is at the discretion of the Dean.~~
- ~~10.4 Suspension of candidature will be for a minimum of one semester and a maximum of two semesters and may be granted only once during the certificate, diploma or degree.~~
- ~~10.5 In cases where a suspension of candidature is not granted, students may be required to discontinue their studies and follow the procedures for re-enrolment after an absence.~~
- 11. Re-enrolment after an absence**
- ~~11.1 There is no automatic right of re-entry. Students who wish to be considered for re-enrolment need to fulfil the following conditions:~~
- ~~11.1.1 lodge an application by the date advised by the Faculty in the year prior to that in which re-enrolment is sought;~~
- ~~11.1.2 attach a current academic transcript (progress status is contingent upon an absence of not more than two years from the course); and~~
- ~~11.1.3 ensure that outstanding debts with the University and/or show cause requirements are attended to before submission of the application (applications cannot be considered until financial obligations and show cause requirements are completed).~~
- ~~11.2 Applications will be considered in conjunction with all other applications by students applying under these conditions prior to the commencement of the academic year in which the student wishes to enrol.~~
- 12. Satisfactory progress**
- ~~12.1 The Board of Studies shall have the power to resolve on satisfactory progress and progression in individual cases.~~
- ~~12.2 All Doctor of Nursing students admitted to the degree are to be subjected to a review after their first year of candidature, regardless of the status of their candidature.~~
- ~~12.2.1 Candidates shall provide evidence of progress to the satisfaction of the supervisor and the Associate Dean (Academic) and any review committee constituted by the Faculty.~~
- ~~12.2.1.2 On basis of the evidence provided, the Associate Dean (Academic) shall recommend the conditions of candidature to apply for the following year; and~~
- ~~12.2.1.3 may require the candidate to provide further evidence of progress at the end of one semester or such other period as the Associate Dean (Academic) recommends to the Board of Studies as appropriate.~~
- ~~12.2.1.4 If a candidate fails to submit evidence of progress or if the Board of Studies considers that the evidence submitted does not indicate satisfactory progress;~~
- ~~12.2.1.5 the Board of Studies may, on the recommendation of the Associate Dean (Academic), call upon the candidate to show cause why that candidature should not~~

be terminated by reason of unsatisfactory progress towards completion of the degree; and

~~12.2.1.6 — where, in the opinion of the Board of Studies, the candidate does not show good cause the Board may either terminate the candidature or impose conditions on the continuation of candidature.~~

~~12.3 — Those students admitted to the degree on a probationary basis are required to be subjected to a review at the end of the specified probationary period.~~

~~12.4 — The satisfactory completion of this probationary period requires:~~

~~12.4.1 — successful completion of any specified coursework;~~

~~12.4.2 — presentation of a seminar on their project;~~

~~12.4.3 — a supportive letter from the student's supervisor related to the student's ability to complete a project of appropriate scope and nature; and~~

~~12.4.4 — a supportive recommendation from the Associate Dean (Academic) on the basis of the supervisor's advice, the student's performance and progress towards completion.~~

~~12.5 — The Board also resolved that the requirements of this probationary review must be communicated in writing to the candidate in their offer of admission letter.~~

### ~~13. — Time limits~~

~~13.1 — Candidates enrolled in the Doctor of Nursing shall complete the course in a minimum of six semesters for full-time students and 12 semesters for part-time students.~~

~~13.2 — The maximum time limit for completion will be eight semesters for full-time students and 16 semesters for part-time students and includes any time spent away from the course including exclusion.~~

### ~~14. — Credit for previous studies~~

~~14.1 — Credit may be granted for up to 18 credit points in the coursework component of the Doctor of Midwifery.~~

~~14.2 — The Faculty may grant credit for the whole or any part of a period of candidature undertaken for the degrees of Master of Philosophy (Nursing), Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Health Services Management or Doctor of Midwifery provided that:~~

~~14.2.1 — the candidate has abandoned candidature for the degree for which credit is sought; and~~

~~14.2.2 — the period of candidature for which credit is sought:~~

~~14.2.2.1 — involved a course of advanced study and research related to the candidate's proposal for the Doctor of Midwifery; and~~

~~14.2.2.2 — was taken within five years immediately preceding the candidature of Doctor of Midwifery.~~

~~14.3 — Credit will not be granted for any units of study that were completed more than five years before admission or re-admission to candidature.~~

### ~~15. — The thesis~~

~~15.1 — The candidate shall present either:~~

~~15.1.1 — a thesis of approximately 50,000 words in length, which shall be a substantial and original contribution to the subject concerned in which the candidate shall state:~~

~~15.1.1.1 — the sources from which the information is derived;~~

~~15.1.1.2 — the extent to which the work of others has been made use of; and~~

~~15.1.1.3 — the portion of the work the candidate claims as original.; or~~

~~15.2 — The topic of the thesis shall be approved by the Faculty.~~

~~15.3 — A candidate may submit as partly or substantially a part of the thesis any publication of which the candidate is the sole or joint author.~~

~~15.3.1 — In such a case the candidate must produce evidence to identify satisfactorily the sections of the work for which the candidate is responsible.~~

~~15.4 — A candidate may not present as the thesis any work that has been presented for a degree at this or any other university, but the candidate will not be precluded from incorporating such work into the thesis,~~

~~15.4.1 — provided that, in presenting the thesis, the candidate indicates the part of the work that has been incorporated.~~

~~15.4.2 — Alternatively, the candidate may submit a bound volume incorporating published papers and an integrating overview of the research totalling approximately 50,000 words.~~

~~15.5 — As part of the candidature, candidates may be required to present at research seminars.~~

~~15.6 — The Faculty shall appoint, on the recommendation of the Associate Dean (Academic) a supervisor and associate supervisor.~~

~~15.7 — A candidate shall submit to the Faculty four copies of the thesis in a form prescribed by the Faculty.~~

~~15.8 — The thesis shall be accompanied by advice from the supervisor stating whether, in the opinion of the supervisor, the form of presentation of the thesis is satisfactory.~~

#### **16. — Appointment of examiners**

~~16.1 — The Faculty will appoint two examiners, both of whom will be external to the University.~~

~~16.2 — All other examination procedures will be in accordance with the Resolutions of the Academic Board relating to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.~~

### **Doctor of Nursing**

#### **1. Admission**

~~1.1 — Applicants for admission to candidature for the course, Doctor of Nursing shall:~~

~~1.1.1 — normally hold a recognised masters degree in nursing with a minimum 10,000 word written component; or~~

~~1.1.2 — an Australian honours degree in nursing with second class honours or better; or~~

~~1.1.3 — a qualification equivalent to an honours or masters degree; or~~

~~1.1.4 — demonstrate a high level of achievement equivalent to 1.1.1, 1.1.2 or 1.1.3; and~~

~~1.1.4.5 — possess professional practice experience of not less than five years.~~

~~1.2 — Applicants shall:~~

~~1.1.2 — submit with their application an outline of the proposed course of advanced study and research including:~~

~~1.1.2.1 — the area of proposed research~~

~~1.1.2.2 — proposals for any practicum; and~~

~~1.1.2.3 — proposals for related coursework units of study.~~

~~1.3 — An applicant for admission to part-time candidature shall submit with the application a written undertaking that the applicant will:~~

~~1.3.1 — have sufficient time available to complete the requirements for the degree in accordance with section 13 of these resolutions; and~~

~~1.3.2 — be able to attend at the University at such times and on such occasions for purposes of consultation and participation in Faculty activities, as may be required.~~

#### **2. Units of study**

~~2.1 — Units of study are set out on the Faculty website.~~

#### **3. Requirements for the Doctor of Nursing**

~~3.1 — Except with the permission of the Faculty, a candidate will pursue an approved course of advanced study, professional practice and research in the following manner;~~

~~3.1.1 — complete successfully coursework and research leading to a thesis including;~~

~~3.1.1.1 — a minimum of 48 credit points of coursework units of study with at least one unit of study dealing with research methods appropriate to the research proposal; and~~

~~3.1.2 — a thesis of approximately 50,000 words (or equivalent) in length investigating a specific aspect of professional practice; and~~

~~3.1.3 — complete successfully all requirements for the degree within the maximum calendar time allowed; and~~

~~3.1.4 — satisfy the requirements of all other relevant By-laws, Rules and Resolutions of The University of Sydney.~~

#### **4. Award of the Doctor of Nursing**

~~4.1 — The Doctor of Nursing shall be awarded in one grade only, namely the Pass certificate.~~

#### **5. Details of units of study**

~~5.1 — Refer to the Faculty website.~~

#### **6. Enrolment in more/less than minimum load**

~~6.1 Candidates who have a shown significant academic ability may, at the discretion of the Dean, be allowed to undertake more than the prescribed 24 credit points per semester.~~

~~6.2 Candidates who can demonstrate good reason as to why they should be allowed to undertake less than 12 credit points in any one semester may, at the discretion of the Dean, be permitted to do so.~~

#### **7. Cross-institutional study**

~~7.1 Candidates enrolled in the Doctor of Nursing may have credit granted on the basis of work completed at another university or institution as part of a program of cross-institutional study, but may not exceed 18 credit points.~~

#### **8. Restrictions on enrolment**

~~8.1 In considering an application for admission to candidature the Faculty will select in preference applicants who are most meritorious in terms of the admission criteria.~~

#### **9. Discontinuation of enrolment**

~~9.1 A student who has discontinued candidature or whose candidature is deemed to have lapsed must apply for re-admission in accordance with the current procedures for new applicants to the degree.~~

#### **10. Suspension of enrolment**

~~10.1 Suspension of candidature is only applicable in cases of hardship or activities on the part of the student that are of national or state importance/are of a significant nature.~~

~~10.2 Examples of hardship may be illness or financial difficulties. Activities of a significant nature may be the inclusion of the student on a national sporting team, orchestra, etc that requires him/her to travel extensively for a specific period of time.~~

~~10.3 The granting of a suspension of candidature is at the discretion of the Dean.~~

~~10.4 Suspension of candidature will be for a minimum of one semester and a maximum of two semesters and may be granted only once during the certificate, diploma or degree.~~

~~10.5 In cases where a suspension of candidature is not granted, students may be required to discontinue their studies and follow the procedures for re-enrolment after an absence.~~

#### **11. Re-enrolment after an absence**

~~11.1 There is no automatic right of re-entry. Students who wish to be considered for re-enrolment need to fulfil the following conditions:~~

~~11.1.1 lodge an application by the date advised by the Faculty in the year prior to that in which re-enrolment is sought;~~

~~11.1.2 attach a current academic transcript (progress status is contingent upon an absence of not more than two years from the course); and~~

~~11.1.3 ensure that outstanding debts with the University and/or show cause requirements are attended to before submission of the application (applications cannot be considered until financial obligations and show cause requirements are completed).~~

~~11.2 Applications will be considered in conjunction with all other applications by students applying under these conditions prior to the commencement of the academic year in which the student wishes to enrol.~~

#### **12. Satisfactory progress**

~~12.1 The Board of Studies shall have the power to resolve on satisfactory progress and progression in individual cases.~~

~~12.2 All Doctor of Nursing students admitted to the degree are to be subjected to a review after their first year of candidature, regardless of the status of their candidature.~~

~~12.2.1 Candidates shall provide evidence of progress to the satisfaction of the supervisor and the Associate Dean (Academic) and any review committee constituted by the Faculty.~~

~~12.2.1.2 On basis of the evidence provided, the Associate Dean (Academic) shall recommend the conditions of candidature to apply for the following year; and~~

~~12.2.1.3 may require the candidate to provide further evidence of progress at the end of one semester or such other period as the Associate Dean (Academic) recommends to the Board of Studies as appropriate.~~

~~12.2.1.4 If a candidate fails to submit evidence of progress or if the Board of Studies considers that the evidence submitted does not indicate satisfactory progress;~~

- ~~12.2.1.5 — the Board of Studies may, on the recommendation of the Associate Dean (Academic), call upon the candidate to show cause why that candidature should not be terminated by reason of unsatisfactory progress towards completion of the degree; and~~
- ~~12.2.1.6 — where, in the opinion of the Board of Studies, the candidate does not show good cause the Board may either terminate the candidature or impose conditions on the continuation of candidature.~~
- ~~12.3 — Those students admitted to the degree on a probationary basis are required to be subjected to a review at the end of the specified probationary period.~~
- ~~12.4 — The satisfactory completion of this probationary period requires:~~
- ~~12.4.1 — successful completion of any specified coursework;~~
- ~~12.4.2 — presentation of a seminar on their project;~~
- ~~12.4.3 — a supportive letter from the student's supervisor related to the student's ability to complete a project of appropriate scope and nature; and~~
- ~~12.4.4 — a supportive recommendation from the Associate Dean (Academic) on the basis of the supervisor's advice, the student's performance and progress towards completion.~~
- ~~12.5 — The Board also resolved that the requirements of this probationary review must be communicated in writing to the candidate in their offer of admission letter.~~

### **13. — Time limits**

- ~~13.1 — Candidates enrolled in the Doctor of Nursing shall complete the course in a minimum of six semesters for full-time students and 12 semesters for part-time students.~~
- ~~13.2 — The maximum time limit for completion will be eight semesters for full-time students and 16 semesters for part-time students and includes any time spent away from the course including exclusion.~~

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- ~~14.2.1 — the candidate has abandoned candidature for the degree for which credit is sought; and~~
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- ~~14.2.2.1 — involved a course of advanced study and research related to the candidate's proposal for the Doctor of Nursing; and~~
- ~~14.2.2.2 — was taken within five years immediately preceding the candidature of Doctor of Nursing.~~
- ~~14.3 — Credit will not be granted for any units of study that were completed more than five years before admission or re-admission to candidature.~~

### **15. — The thesis**

- ~~15.1 — The candidate shall present either:~~
- ~~15.1.1 — a thesis of approximately 50,000 words in length, which shall be a substantial and original contribution to the subject concerned in which the candidate shall state:~~
- ~~15.1.1.1 — the sources from which the information is derived;~~
- ~~15.1.1.2 — the extent to which the work of others has been made use of; and~~
- ~~15.1.1.3 — the portion of the work the candidate claims as original.~~
- ~~15.2 — The topic of the thesis shall be approved by the Faculty.~~
- ~~15.3 — A candidate may submit as partly or substantially a part of the thesis any publication of which the candidate is the sole or joint author.~~
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- ~~15.6 The Faculty shall appoint, on the recommendation of the Associate Dean (Academic) a supervisor and associate supervisor.~~
- ~~15.7 A candidate shall submit to the Faculty four copies of the thesis in a form prescribed by the Faculty.~~
- ~~15.8 The thesis shall be accompanied by advice from the supervisor stating whether, in the opinion of the supervisor, the form of presentation of the thesis is satisfactory.~~
- 16. Appointment of examiners**
- ~~16.1 The Faculty will appoint two examiners, both of whom will be external to the University.~~
- ~~16.2 All other examination procedures will be in accordance with the Resolutions of the Academic Board relating to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.~~

## **Master of Nursing Research**

### **1. Admission**

- 1.1 Applicants for admission to candidature for the Master of Nursing Research, shall:
- 1.1.1 be graduates of the University of Sydney holding a Bachelor of Nursing degree, or another equivalent degree; or
- 1.1.2 be graduates of other universities or other appropriate institutions who hold qualifications equivalent to those specified in 1.1.1; or
- 1.1.3 be registered or eligible to register to practise nursing in an Australian state or territory;
- 1.1.4 in relation to qualifications not awarded in Australia, meet minimum standards, as specified by the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, of:
- 1.1.4.1 written and verbal English language competence and interpersonal communication; and
- 1.1.4.2 numeracy.
- 1.2 Candidates who do not meet the above criteria may be admitted by the Dean of Nursing and Midwifery.
- 1.3 Applicants with qualifications gained in a country other than Australia will be assessed on the equivalence of their qualifications to Australian standards.
- 1.4 The candidature may be accepted by the Faculty on a probationary basis for a period not exceeding twelve months, and on the completion of this probationary period, the Faculty shall review the candidate's work and shall either confirm or terminate the candidature.

### **2. Units of study**

- 2.1 Refer to the Faculty website.

### **3. Requirements for the Degree**

- 3.1 To qualify for the award of the degree:
- 3.1.1 candidates shall complete a minimum of 72 credit points and include a prescribed pattern of study of 36 credit points approved by the Faculty;
- 3.1.2 satisfy the requirements of all other relevant By-Laws, Rules and Resolutions of the University and Faculty;
- 3.2 The requirements of the award must be completed within a maximum of six calendar years for a student required to complete 72 credit points inclusive of periods of suspension or and/or exclusion from candidature and pro rata for fewer credit point requirements.
- 3.3 Students are required to attend classes as prescribed by the Faculty.
- 3.4 A candidate who ceases to be in good standing with the nurses and midwives registration authorities may be asked to show good cause as to why they should be allowed to continue the degree.

### **4. Requirements for the Honours Degree**

4.1 A candidate for the degree may be given permission to undertake a pattern of study leading to the award of the degree with Honours.

4.2 To become eligible for the Honours pattern, a candidate must have:

4.2.1 completed 36 credit points toward the degree; and

4.2.2 achieved a WAM of 70; and

4.2.3 shown aptitude to undertake original work; and

4.2.4 an appropriate topic in this field approved by the Faculty.

4.3 Undertake a supervised 24 credit point thesis in a topic approved by the Faculty and to complete this work in a maximum period approved by the Faculty.

4.4 There shall be two classes of Honours awarded, namely Class I, Class II, and within Class II there shall be two divisions, namely Division I and Division 2.

4.5 The Honours grade will be reported in percentages and the grades for the award shall be:

4.5.1 First Class: 80-100 per cent;

4.5.2 Second Class Division 1: 75-79 per cent;

4.5.3 Second Class Division 2: 70-74 per cent.

4.6 A bronze medal may be awarded to the one student in a graduating cohort with First Class Honours who secures the most distinguished record of achievement throughout the course.

### **5. Details of units of study**

5.1 Refer to the relevant section of the Faculty handbook.

### **6. Enrolment in more/less than the minimum load**

6.1 Candidates who have a shown significant academic ability may, at the discretion of the Dean, be allowed to undertake more than the prescribed 24 credit points per semester.

6.2 Candidates who can demonstrate good reason as to why they should be allowed to undertake less than 12 credit points in any one semester may, at the discretion of the Dean, be permitted to do so.

### **7. Cross institutional study**

7.1 Credit granted on the basis of work completed at another university or institution as part of a program of cross-institutional study may not exceed 24 credit points.

### **8. Restrictions on enrolment**

8.1 In considering an application for admission to candidature the Faculty will select in preference applicants who are most meritorious in terms of the admission criteria.

8.2 The enrolment of candidates in units of study shall be limited by the exigencies of the timetable.

8.3 The applicant must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Faculty, that during the candidature the student will be able to complete clinical and field experience required for the course.

### **9. Discontinuation of enrolment**

9.1 A student who has discontinued candidature or whose candidature is deemed to have lapsed must apply for re-admission in accordance with the current procedures for new applicants to the degree.

### **10. Suspension of enrolment**

10.1 Suspension of candidature is only applicable in cases of hardship or activities on the part of the student that are of national or state importance/are of a significant nature.

10.2 Examples of hardship may be illness or financial difficulties. Activities of a significant nature may be the inclusion of the student on a national sporting team, orchestra, etc that requires him/her to travel extensively for a specific period of time.

10.3 The granting of a suspension of candidature is at the discretion of the Dean.

10.4 Suspension of candidature will be for a minimum of one semester and a maximum of two semesters and may be granted only once during the degree.

10.5 In cases where a suspension of candidature is not granted, students may be required to discontinue their studies and follow the procedures for re-enrolment after an absence.

### **11. Re-enrolment after an absence**

11.1 There is no automatic right of re-entry. Students who wish to be considered for re-enrolment need to fulfil the following conditions:

11.1.1 lodge an application by October 30 in the year prior to that in which re-enrolment is

sought;

11.1.2 attach a current academic transcript (progress status is contingent upon an absence of not more than two years from the course); and

11.1.3 ensure that outstanding debts with the University and/or show cause requirements are attended to before submission of the application (applications cannot be considered until financial obligations and show cause requirements are completed).

11.2 Applications will be considered in conjunction with all other applications by students applying under these conditions prior to the commencement of the academic year in which the student wishes to enrol.

## **12. Satisfactory progress**

Refer to Faculty resolutions, Part II, 1.2 Satisfactory progress.

## **13. Time limit**

13.1 A candidate for the degree may proceed on either a full-time or part-time basis.

13.1.1 A full-time candidate shall complete the requirements for the degree no later than at the end of the sixth semester of candidature.

13.1.2 A part-time candidate shall complete the requirements for the degree no later than at the end of the tenth semester of candidature.

13.1.3 All candidates must complete the requirements for the degree within five calendar years of first enrolment inclusive of periods of suspension and exclusion.

## **14. Assessment policy**

14.1 Assessment will be carried out in accordance with the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended) and the general Resolutions of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery.

## **15. Credit transfer policy**

15.1 Credit granted on the basis of work completed or prior learning in another course at this University or at another university may not exceed 24 credit points.

15.2 Credit granted on the basis of work completed at an institution other than a university may not exceed 18 credit points.

15.3 Credit will not be granted for any units of study which were completed more than five years before admission or re-admission to candidature.

## **16. Transitional arrangements**

16.1.1 students who commence their candidature after 1 January 2007.

16.2 a candidate for the degree who commenced after 1 January 2007 may complete the requirements in accordance with the resolutions in force at the time the candidate commenced, provided that the candidate shall complete the requirements by 1 January 2010 or such later date as the Faculty may, in special circumstances, approve.

## **Master of Midwifery Research**

~~These Resolutions must be read in conjunction with the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, which sets out the requirements for all coursework courses, and the relevant Resolutions of the Senate.~~

### ~~**1. Admission**~~

~~1.1 Applicants for admission to candidature for the Master of Midwifery Research, shall:~~

~~1.1.1 be graduates of the University of Sydney holding a Graduate Diploma in Midwifery and a bachelor's degree in a relevant field, or other equivalent award; or~~

~~1.1.2 be graduates of other universities or other appropriate institutions who hold qualifications equivalent to those specified in 1.1.1; or~~

~~1.1.3 be certified or eligible to be certified to practise midwifery in an Australian state or territory;~~

~~1.1.4 in relation to qualifications not awarded in Australia, meet minimum standards, as specified by the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, of:~~

~~1.1.4.1 written and verbal English language competence and interpersonal communication; and~~

~~1.1.4.2 numeracy.~~

~~1.2 Candidates who do not meet the above criteria may be admitted by the Dean of Nursing and Midwifery.~~

~~1.3 Applicants with qualifications gained in a country other than Australia will be assessed on the equivalence of their qualifications to Australian standards.~~

1.4 The candidature may be accepted by the Faculty on a probationary basis for a period not exceeding twelve months, and on the completion of this probationary period, the Faculty shall review the candidate's work and shall either confirm or terminate the candidature.

## **2. Units of study**

2.1 Refer to the Faculty website.

## **3. Requirements for the Degree**

3.1 To qualify for the award of the degree:

3.1.1 candidates shall complete a minimum of 72 credit points and include a prescribed pattern of study of 36 credit points approved by the Faculty;

3.1.2 satisfy the requirements of all other relevant By-Laws, Rules and Resolutions of the University and Faculty;

3.2 The requirements of the award must be completed within a maximum of six calendar years for a student required to complete 72 credit points inclusive of periods of suspension or and/or exclusion from candidature and pro rata for fewer credit point requirements.

3.3 Students are required to attend classes as prescribed by the Faculty.

3.4 A candidate who ceases to be in good standing with the nurses and midwives registration authorities may be asked to show good cause as to why they should be allowed to continue the degree.

## **4. Requirements for the Honours Degree**

4.1 A candidate for the degree may be given permission to undertake a pattern of study leading to the award of the degree with Honours.

4.2 To become eligible for the Honours pattern, a candidate must have:

4.2.1 completed 36 credit points toward the degree; and

4.2.2 achieved a WAM of 70; and

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4.2.4 an appropriate topic in this field approved by the Faculty.

4.3 Undertake a supervised 24 credit point thesis in a topic approved by the Faculty and to complete this work in a maximum period approved by the Faculty.

4.4 There shall be two classes of Honours awarded, namely Class I, Class II, and within Class II there shall be two divisions, namely Division I and Division 2.

4.5 The Honours grade will be reported in percentages and the grades for the award shall be:

4.5.1 First Class: 80-100 per cent;

4.5.2 Second Class Division 1: 75-79 per cent;

4.5.3 Second Class Division 2: 70-74 per cent.

4.6 A bronze medal may be awarded to the one student in a graduating cohort with First Class Honours who secures the most distinguished record of achievement throughout the course.

## **5. Details of units of study**

5.1 Refer to the relevant section of the Faculty handbook.

## **6. Enrolment in more/less than the minimum load**

6.1 Candidates who have a shown significant academic ability may, at the discretion of the Dean, be allowed to undertake more than the prescribed 24 credit points per semester.

6.2 Candidates who can demonstrate good reason as to why they should be allowed to undertake less than 12 credit points in any one semester may, at the discretion of the Dean, be permitted to do so.

## **7. Cross institutional study**

7.1 Credit granted on the basis of work completed at another university or institution as part of a program of cross-institutional study may not exceed 24 credit points.

## **8. Restrictions on enrolment**

8.1 In considering an application for admission to candidature the Faculty will select in preference applicants who are most meritorious in terms of the admission criteria.

8.2 The enrolment of candidates in units of study shall be limited by the exigencies of the timetable.

8.3 The applicant must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Faculty, that during the candidature the student will be able to complete clinical and field experience required for the course.

### **9. Discontinuation of enrolment**

9.1 A student who has discontinued candidature or whose candidature is deemed to have lapsed must apply for re-admission in accordance with the current procedures for new applicants to the degree.

### **10. Suspension of enrolment**

10.1 Suspension of candidature is only applicable in cases of hardship or activities on the part of the student that are of national or state importance/are of a significant nature.

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11.1 There is no automatic right of re-entry. Students who wish to be considered for re-enrolment need to fulfil the following conditions:

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11.1.3 ensure that outstanding debts with the University and/or show cause requirements are attended to before submission of the application (applications cannot be considered until financial obligations and show cause requirements are completed).

11.2 Applications will be considered in conjunction with all other applications by students applying under these conditions prior to the commencement of the academic year in which the student wishes to enrol.

### **12. Satisfactory progress**

12.1 The Board of Studies shall have the power to resolve on satisfactory progress and progression in individual cases.

12.2 A Concessional Pass (PCON) may be considered for no more than one unit of study in the final year of enrolment and will not apply to any nursing practice unit or to any previously failed unit.

12.3 Candidates who fail:

12.3.1 up to 6 credit points of the units of study in which they are enrolled in any one semester may progress to a normal full-time load in the subsequent semester. Any failed unit of study must be taken in the following year;

12.3.2 between 12 and 24 credit points of the units of study in which they are enrolled in any year may only progress to a normal full-time load in the subsequent year. This must include the units of study in which they failed previously; or

12.3.3 more than 24 credit points of the credit point load undertaken during a year, or who fail to meet the requirements of a practicum unit, or who discontinue fail enrolment in one unit of study twice shall be deemed not to have made satisfactory progress. They shall be required to show good cause as to why they should be permitted to re-enrol in the course.

12.4 The Faculty reserves the right to require students who are asked to show cause to enrol in and successfully complete units of study in addition to the minimum number of credit points required to complete the degree.

12.5 The Faculty reserves the right to require students who are asked to show cause and who fail to demonstrate the minimum level of spoken or written English required by the Faculty to provide documentation to show they have an IELTS (or equivalent) score of 7.0 overall and 7.0 in each band.

### **13. Time limit**

13.1 A candidate for the degree may proceed on either a full-time or part-time basis.

13.1.1 A full-time candidate shall complete the requirements for the degree no later than at the end of the sixth semester of candidature.

~~13.1.2 A part-time candidate shall complete the requirements for the degree no later than at the end of the tenth semester of candidature.~~

~~13.1.3 All candidates must complete the requirements for the degree within five calendar years of first enrolment inclusive of periods of suspension and exclusion.~~

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~~15.3 Credit will not be granted for any units of study which were completed more than five years before admission or re-admission to candidature.~~

**16. Transitional arrangements**

~~16.1 No transitional arrangements are required.~~

## Amendments to Resolutions of Senate

### Degrees in the Sydney College of the Arts

The Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees in the Sydney College of the Arts are amended, with effect from 1 January 2010, as follows (additions indicated by underlined, deletions indicated by strikethrough):

### Degrees in the Sydney College of the Arts

1. The degrees in the Sydney College of the Arts shall be:

1.1 Bachelor of Visual Arts (BVA)

1.2 Master of Documentary Photography (MDP)

1.3 Master of Interactive and Digital Media (MIDM)

1.4 Master of Film and Digital Image (MFDI)

1.5 Master of Studio Art (MSA)

~~1.6 Master of Visual Arts (MVA)~~

1.6 Master of Fine Arts (MFA)

1.7 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

## Amendments to the Resolutions of the Faculty

### Master of Visual Arts

The Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Master of Visual Arts in the Sydney College of the Arts are amended, with effect from 1 January 2010, as follows (additions indicated by underlined, deletions indicated by strikethrough):

### Master of ~~Visual~~ Fine Arts

#### 1. Award of the degree

1.1 The degree of Master of ~~Visual~~ Fine Arts shall be awarded in one grade only.

#### 2. Eligibility for admission

2.1. An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree shall, except as provided in chapter 10 of the By-laws:

2.1.1 be a Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours) of the University of Sydney, or

2.1.2 hold the degree of Bachelor of Visual Arts and the Graduate Diploma of Visual Arts of the University of Sydney.

2.2 An applicant for admission to candidature must in support of the application submit for the approval of the Sydney College of the Arts Board (hereafter in these resolutions referred to as SCA Board) a proposal for a program of study in the discipline area nominated.

2.3 Applicants may be required to demonstrate to the satisfaction of SCA Board their ability to proceed by the method nominated.

#### 3. Availability

3.1 Admission to candidature for the degree may be limited by quota.

3.2 In determining the quota the University will take into account:

3.2.1 availability of resources, including studio space, library, equipment and computing facilities; and

3.2.2 availability of adequate and appropriate supervision.

3.3 In considering an applicant for admission to candidature SCA Board may take account of the quota and will select in preference applicants who are most meritorious in terms of the admission criteria.

#### 4. Probationary admission

4.1 A candidate may be accepted by SCA Board on a probationary basis for a period not exceeding twelve months and upon completion of this period SCA Board shall review the candidate's work and shall either confirm the candidate's status or terminate the candidature.

4.2 In the case of a candidate accepted on a probationary basis, the candidature shall be deemed to have commenced from the date of acceptance.

#### 5. Method of progression

5.1 A candidate for the degree shall proceed:

5.1.1 by studio practice and research; or

5.1.2 by thesis.

#### 6. Discipline areas

6.1 The degree may be taken in the following disciplines:

6.1.1 Ceramics

6.1.2 Glass

6.1.3 Jewellery & Object

6.1.4 Electronic and Temporal Arts

6.1.5 Photomedia

6.1.6 Painting

6.1.7 Printmedia

6.1.8 Sculpture (including performance and installation)

6.1.9 Theories of Art Practice

#### 7. Time limits

7.1 A candidate may proceed on either a full-time basis or, with the permission of SCA Board, a part-time basis.

7.2 A full-time candidate shall complete the requirements for the degree, unless otherwise determined by SCA Board on the recommendation of the Director or member of staff appointed

by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of Visual Fine Arts, at the end of the second year of candidature.

7.3 A part-time candidate shall complete the requirements for the degree, unless otherwise determined by SCA Board on the recommendation of the Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of Visual Fine Arts, by the end of the third year of candidature.

7.4 The dates for completion of requirements for the degree shall be adjusted for those candidates permitted to proceed on a part-time basis following their admission to candidature on a full-time basis, and vice versa.

#### **8. Credit**

8.1 A candidate, who before admission to candidature has spent time in advanced study in the University of Sydney or in another University or institution, may be deemed by SCA Board to have spent such time after admission to candidature provided that it represents no more than half of the total candidature.

#### **9. Supervision**

9.1 SCA Board shall appoint to act as supervisor of each candidate, on the recommendation of the Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of Visual Fine Arts:

9.1.1 a full-time member of the academic staff of Sydney College of the Arts; or

9.1.2 a member of the academic staff of Sydney College of the Arts with a fractional appointment of 0.5 or greater.

9.2 SCA Board will appoint, from amongst appropriately qualified persons, an associate supervisor to assist in the supervision of any candidature.

#### **10. Requirements for the degree**

10.1 A candidate proceeding primarily by thesis shall:

10.1.1 complete such seminars and such units as may be prescribed by SCA Board;

10.1.2 carry out supervised research on a topic approved by SCA Board on the recommendation of the Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of Visual Fine Arts;

10.1.3 write a thesis embodying the results of the research; and in completion of requirements for the degree;

10.1.4 lodge with the Registrar three copies of this thesis, typewritten and bound in either a temporary or a permanent form.

10.1.5 The degree shall not be awarded until the candidate has caused at least one copy of the thesis (containing any corrections or amendments that may be required) to be bound in a permanent form.

10.1.6 The candidate shall state in the thesis the sources from which the information was derived, the extent to which the work of others has been used and the portion of the work claimed as original.

10.1.7 The thesis shall be accompanied by a statement from the supervisor stating whether, in the supervisor's opinion, the form of presentation of the thesis is satisfactory.

10.1.8 A candidate may not present as the thesis a work which has been presented for a degree in this or another university, but will not be precluded from incorporating such in the thesis provided that in presenting the thesis the candidate indicates the part of the work which has been so incorporated.

10.2 A candidate proceeding by studio practice and research shall:

10.2.1 complete such courses;

10.2.2 attend such seminars; and

10.2.3 complete such essay or other written work including a research paper; and

10.2.4 carry out such supervised research in a discipline or disciplines as may be prescribed by SCA Board on the recommendation of the Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of Visual Fine Arts; and

10.2.5 present for exhibition, at a joint exhibition of candidates, and examination at the end of the second year of candidature a substantial exhibition, performance or installation, work or series of works of art.

#### **11. Examination: Research and Thesis**

11.1 On completion of requirements for the degree by a candidate proceeding primarily by thesis, SCA Board shall appoint on the recommendation of the Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of ~~Visual~~ Fine Arts, an examination panel consisting of:

11.1.1 at least two persons, who have not been supervisors of the candidate; and

11.1.2 at least one of whom is external to SCA.

11.2 The reports of the examiners shall be made available to the Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of ~~Visual~~ Fine Arts who shall consult with the supervisor.

11.3 The Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of ~~Visual~~ Fine Arts shall report the result of the examination of the candidature, together with a recommendation concerning the award of the degree, to SCA Board which shall determine the result.

11.4 In special cases SCA Board on the recommendation of the Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of ~~Visual~~ Fine Arts may require the candidate to take a further examination in the area of the thesis.

11.5 SCA Board may permit an unsuccessful candidate to revise and re-submit the thesis if, in the opinion of the Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of ~~Visual~~ Fine Arts, the candidate's work is of sufficient merit to warrant this concession, and may prescribe special conditions to be fulfilled by the candidate.

## **12. Examination: Studio Practice and Research**

12.1 On completion of the requirements for the degree by a candidate proceeding primarily by studio practice and research, SCA Board, on the recommendation of the Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of ~~Visual~~ Fine Arts, shall appoint an examination panel consisting of:

12.1.1 at least two persons, who have not been supervisors of the candidate; and

12.1.2 at least one of whom is external to SCA.

12.2 The Examination Panel shall examine the exhibition, performance or installation and the associated written work at a meeting chaired in a non voting capacity by the Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of ~~Visual~~ Fine Arts;

12.3 Having received reports from the Examination Panel and having received reports on the examination of the coursework the Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of ~~Visual~~ Fine Arts shall report the result of the examination to SCA Board, which shall determine the result of the candidature.

12.4. In special cases SCA Board, on the recommendation of the Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of ~~Visual~~ Fine Arts may require the candidate to take a further examination.

12.5 SCA Board may permit an unsuccessful candidate to revise and re-submit the work if, on the recommendation of the Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of ~~Visual~~ Fine Arts, the candidate's work is of sufficient merit to warrant this concession, and may prescribe special conditions to be fulfilled by the candidate.

## **13. Progress**

13.1 The SCA Board may:

13.1.1 on the recommendation of the Director or member of staff appointed by the Director to have supervisory responsibility for the Master of ~~Visual~~ Fine Arts, call upon any candidate to show cause why that candidature should not be terminated by reason of satisfactory progress towards completion of the degree; and

13.1.2 where, in the opinion of SCA Board, the candidate does not show good cause, terminate the candidature.