

Master of Minimally Invasive Surgery

These Program Rules should be read in conjunction with the University's policies (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies>).

1 Duration of program

- 1.1 Except with the permission of the Faculty, the course shall be completed in not more than one year of full-time study.
- 1.2 A student whose work on any of the course components is interrupted for a reason acceptable to the Executive Dean may be granted an intermission of candidature by the Head of the Discipline of Surgery on behalf of the Faculty. If such an application is approved the maximum period specified in clause 1.1 will be adjusted accordingly by adding the length of the intermission.

2 Admission

- 2.1 An applicant for admission to the program of study for the degree of Master of Minimally Invasive Surgery applicants shall be an experienced surgeon who is at least within 1 year of achieving or has gained FRACS (Fellow of Royal Australasian College of Surgeons) or equivalent. They ideally hold a Fellowship or post-Fellowship position in their surgical speciality. The applicants will be Senior Registrars, Fellows or newly appointed Consultant surgeons or those with an established surgical practice who wish to advance their qualifications in minimally invasive surgery.
- 2.2 Applicants are required to hold a Fellowship training position or a post-Fellowship or consultant position in a surgery subspecialty or gynaecology in Adelaide, or be able to attend weekly tutorials in Adelaide. This surgical position is not automatically offered with the Master of Minimally Invasive Surgery and students are personally responsible for obtaining a suitable position.
- 2.3 Overseas applicants must meet the requirements of the Temporary Business (Long Stay) 457 visa
- 2.4 Overseas applicants must register with the South Australian Medical Board
- 2.5 Status, exemption and credit transfer

Except by special permission of the Discipline of Surgery, no student may gain status for the Master of Minimally Invasive Surgery for other studies undertaken in the University or other institutions.

3 Assessment and examinations

- 3.1 The classification of grading in individual courses for the Master's degree: F Fail, P Pass, C Credit, D Distinction and HD High Distinction.
- 3.2 On completion of the publication for the Research and Development component of the program the student shall lodge with the Discipline a copy of the publication prepared in accordance with directions given to students from time to time. No publication or material presented for any other degree within this or any other institution shall be submitted.
- 3.3 Two examiners of the publication for the Research and Development component of the program will be appointed by the Head of the Discipline of Surgery. Both examiners will normally be internal to the Discipline but not include the student's supervisor.
- 3.4 Review of academic progress
 - 3.4.1 A student who fails a course and desires to take the course again shall again attend lectures and satisfactorily do such written and practical work as teaching staff concerned may prescribe.
 - 3.4.2 A student who has twice failed a course may not enrol for that course again except by special permission to be obtained in writing from the Faculty and then only under such conditions as may be prescribed.
 - 3.4.3 Attendance is required for at least 80% of the sessions in any compulsory course. A student who fails this requirement will not be eligible for examination unless there are extenuating circumstances.
 - 3.4.4 For the purposes of this clause a student who is refused permission to be assessed, by examination or otherwise, or who does not, without a reason accepted by the Head of the Discipline of Surgery as adequate, attend all or part of the final examination (or supplementary examination if granted) after having enrolled for at least two thirds of the normal period during which the course is taught, shall be deemed to have failed the course.
 - 3.4.5 If in the opinion of the Head of the Discipline of Surgery a student for the degree is not making satisfactory progress, the Faculty may, with the consent of the Council, terminate the candidature and the student shall cease to be enrolled for the degree.

4 Qualification requirements

- 4.1 Unless exempted there from by the Faculty all students will satisfactorily complete Compulsory Courses to the value of 24 units including a 12 month clinical placement at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital offering services approved by the Head of the Discipline of Surgery.

4.2 Academic program

Unless exempted from by the Faculty of Health Sciences, every student for the degree shall satisfactorily complete the following components:

4.2.1 Courses

All students shall complete the following compulsory courses:

SURGERY 7001HO Minimally Invasive Surgery—Theory I	3
SURGERY 7003HO Minimally Invasive Surgery—Research and Development I	3
SURGERY 7005HO Supervised Clinical Practice I	6
SURGERY 7002HO Minimally Invasive Surgery—Theory II	3
SURGERY 7004HO Minimally Invasive Surgery—Research and Development II	3
SURGERY 7006HO Supervised Clinical Practice II	6

4.3 Unacceptable combinations of courses

No candidate will be permitted to count towards an award any course, together with any other course, which, in the opinion of the Faculty concerned, contains a substantial amount of the same material; and no course or portion of a course may be counted twice towards an award.

4.4 Subject to Chapter 89 of the Statutes, candidates who have satisfied the requirements for any award of the University shall be admitted to that award.

5 Special circumstances

When in the opinion of the relevant Faculty special circumstances exist, the Council, on the recommendation of the Faculty in each case, may vary any of the provisions of the Academic Program Rules for any particular award.