

# Master of Science in Addiction Studies

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

## 1 Duration of program

To qualify for the degree, a candidate shall satisfactorily complete a course of study comprising at least three teaching periods of full-time study completed over one year or 6 teaching periods over two years.

## 2 Admission

2.1 An applicant for admission to the academic program for the degree of Master of Science in Addiction Studies shall:

a have qualified for an Honours degree of the University in an appropriate field of study, or a degree of another institution accepted by the Faculty for the purpose as equivalent to an Honours degree of the University

2.2 Status, exemption and credit transfer

2.2.1 Except with special permission of the Faculty of all three universities, no candidate will be granted status for any course that he or she has presented for any other award.

2.2.2 Such status as may be awarded in exceptional circumstances will only be awarded for graduate level studies.

2.2.3 In any case, no candidate will be awarded more than 12 units of status.

2.2.4 A candidate who fails a course and wishes to repeat that course shall, unless exempted partially there from by the Head of Discipline concerned, again complete the required work in the course to the satisfaction of the teaching staff concerned.

## 3 Enrolment

This program is offered by distance education. Each student will enrol through the Virginia Commonwealth University, but will be deemed to have enrolled at all three institutions: University of Adelaide, Virginia Commonwealth University and King's College, London.

The program commences in August each year and is offered over three consecutive teaching periods so that it can be completed within a 12 month period.

## 4 Assessment and Examinations

4.1 There shall be four classifications of pass in any course for the Masters degree: Pass with High Distinction, Pass with Distinction, Pass with Credit and Pass.

4.2 a A candidate shall not be eligible to attend for examination unless the prescribed work has been completed to the satisfaction of the teaching staff concerned.

b For the purpose of this Rule, a candidate who is refused permission to sit for examination shall be deemed to have failed the examination.

4.3 A candidate who has failed a course twice may not re-enrol in that course except by special permission of the Faculty and then only under such conditions as may be prescribed.

## 5 Qualifications requirements

5.1 Academic program

To qualify for the degree, a candidate shall satisfactorily complete core courses to the value of 36 units, as follows:

PHARM 7015 EX Biological Basis of Addiction.....	4
PHARM 7016EX Public Health Issues and Approaches to Addiction .....	4
PHARM 7017EX Treatment of Addiction: Pharmacotherapies .....	4
PHARM 7018EX Treatment of Addiction: Psychosocial Interventions .....	4
PHARM 7019EX Treatment of Addiction: Critical Issues .....	4
PHARM 7020EX Addiction Policies.....	4
PHARM 7021EX Research Methodology in Addictions.....	6
PHARM 7022EX Research Project in Addictions .....	6

5.2 Graduation

Candidates who have completed the requirements for the program shall graduate with a single degree jointly awarded by the University of Adelaide, Virginia Commonwealth University and King's College, London.

## **6 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.