



Master of Psychology (Clinical)/Doctor of Philosophy

Academic Program Rules

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| <p>1 There shall be a Master of Psychology (Clinical) and Doctor of Philosophy combined degree program</p> <p>2 <u>Rules</u></p> <p>2.1 The Vice-Chancellor, with authority devolved to her/him by Council, and after receipt of advice from the Research Education and Development Committee, shall from time to time prescribe Rules defining the academic standing required for candidature, eligibility for enrolment, the program of study and research for the combined degree program, the condition of candidature and the assessment for the degree.</p> <p>2.2 Such Rules shall become effective from the date of prescription by the Vice-Chancellor or such other date as the Vice-Chancellor may determine.</p> <p>3 <u>Academic standing</u></p> <p>3.1 The academic standing required for acceptance as a candidate for the combined degree of Master of Psychology (Clinical) and Doctor of Philosophy shall be an Honours degree of Bachelor, with Honours in Psychology of First Class Standard of the University of Adelaide, or an Honours degree of another institution accepted for the purpose by the University. Applications from students with other qualifications will require the approval of the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Research Education and Development Committee.</p> <p>3.2 A person who holds a degree of another university may be accepted as a candidate provided that the program of study undertaken and the academic standard reached are equivalent to those required of a candidate who is a graduate of the University of Adelaide.</p> <p>3.3 Acceptance of a candidate in the combined degree program will also require selection based on the usual entry criteria for the Master of Psychology (Clinical) program which include referee reports and a structured interview to assess suitability for the profession.</p> <p>4 <u>Credit for work previously completed</u></p> <p>4.1 The Faculty of Health Sciences may grant such status as it may determine up to a maximum of 8 units for courses undertaken at another institution, provided that any such coursework has not been presented for another degree.</p> | <p>4.2 The Committee may grant credit in the program for research undertaken in another program in the University or in another university or tertiary institution.</p> <p>4.3 The Committee may also grant credit for research undertaken in an organisation other than a University or tertiary institution.</p> <p>4.4 In consideration for acceptance under Rules 4.2 or 4.3, the Committee must be satisfied that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the person is of such academic standing as would be required of other candidates for the degree <i>and</i> (b) the person's progress so far has been satisfactory and the research for which credit is granted is of a satisfactory standard. <p>5 <u>Enrolment</u></p> <p>5.1 A person shall not be enrolled as a candidate for the combined degree unless the applicant's proposed field of study and research is acceptable to the Department responsible for the supervision of the candidate's work.</p> <p>5.2 Except with the permission of the Dean of Graduate Studies, a candidate may not enroll concurrently in another academic program.</p> <p>5.3 Except with the permission of the Dean of Graduate Studies, a candidate who is permitted to enroll concurrently in another academic program and who is granted leave of absence must intermit all academic programs in which they are enrolled.</p> <p>6 <u>Duration of candidature and mode of study</u></p> <p>A candidate may proceed to the degree by full-time study or, if the Head of the Department is satisfied that the candidate has adequate time to pursue supervised research under the control of the University, by half-time study. Except in circumstances approved by the Committee, all coursework, placements and the research thesis shall normally be completed and the thesis submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in the case of a full-time candidate, not more than four years from the date of commencement of candidature. (b) in the case of a half-time candidate, not less than four years and not more than eight years from the date of commencement of candidature. |
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7 Work for the degree

- 7.1 A candidate shall pursue an approved program of study and research under the control of the University and under the general guidance of supervisors appointed by the University. At least one supervisor shall be a member of the academic staff of the Department in which the candidate is enrolled.
- 7.2 Unless exempted by the Faculty, all students will satisfactorily complete compulsory courses to the value of 18 units and one elective to the value of 2 units, three 18-week periods (of 5 half-days per week or equivalent) of supervised placement (12 units) in institutions or organisations offering clinical psychological services approved by the Head of the Department of Psychology, and a research project.
- 7.3 **Academic program**
Unless exempted there from by the Faculty of Health Sciences, every student for the combined degree shall satisfactorily complete the following four components:
- 7.3.1 **Compulsory courses**
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| PSYCHOL 7101 A/B Adult Clinical Psychology | 4 |
| PSYCHOL 7102 Applied Methodology | 2 |
| PSYCHOL 7103 Child Clinical Psychology | 2 |
| PSYCHOL 7104 Clinical Neuropsychology | 2 |
| PSYCHOL 7105 Preparation for Psychological Practice II | 2 |
| PSYCHOL 7106 Health Psychology | 2 |
| PSYCHOL 7107 Preparation for Psychological Practice I | 2 |
| PSYCHOL 7108 Psychological Assessment | 2 |
- 7.3.2 **Elective course**
One course from the following:
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| PSYCHOL 7109 Clinical Geropsychology | 2 |
| PSYCHOL 7110 Rehabilitation and Disability | 2 |
- 7.3.3 **Placements**
All placements are compulsory:
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| PSYCHOL 7111 Placement I | 4 |
| PSYCHOL 7112 Placement II | 4 |
| PSYCHOL 7113 Placement III | 4 |
- 7.3.4 **Research thesis**
Research Project in Clinical Psychology
- 7.4 The candidate shall present the context and importance of the research at a Department seminar.
- 7.5 The Head of Department shall certify that the thesis is worthy of examination.

8 Assessment

- 8.1 There shall be one of two systems of classification of pass in individual courses for the combined degree: either Non Graded Pass; or Pass with High Distinction, Pass with Distinction, Pass with Credit, and Pass.
- 8.2 Attendance is required for at least 80% of the sessions in any compulsory or optional course. A student who fails to meet this requirement will be awarded the result of Incomplete Fail unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- 8.3 On the completion of the approved program of study and research, a candidate shall submit a thesis embodying the results of that study and research, and may submit also, in support of the thesis, other relevant material. No thesis or material presented for any other degree within this or any other institution shall be so submitted. The Committee shall prescribe the form in which the thesis shall be submitted and the number of copies to be submitted.
- 8.4 The thesis and any other material submitted shall be assessed by examiners external to the University.

9 Required program of activities at the commencement of candidature

- 9.1 Each candidate will be enrolled on a provisional basis for the first twelve months of the degree.
- 9.2 Continuation of enrolment at the end of this period will depend on overall academic progress and the completion of set activities to the satisfaction of the Department. These activities will form part of a Structured Program of activities extending through the candidature.
- 9.3 Such activities will be determined by the Department and in the first year will include the completion and presentation of the research proposal and other programs and skills training deemed necessary by the Department.
- 9.4 The research proposal will be agreed and submitted to the Adelaide Graduate Centre preferably within nine, but no later than twelve months from the commencement of candidature.
- 9.5 A major review of progress after twelve months will recommend confirmation of candidature, termination, or the extension of provisional status. In the case of extension, a further review after a clearly defined period, normally three but not in excess of six months would form the basis for confirmation or termination or change to a single program enrolment.

10 Remote candidature

- 10.1 Enrolment as a remote candidate may be permitted for some periods of the candidature associated with the research project on the conditions that the Department can

ensure, and the Research Education and Development Committee is satisfied, that appropriate external supervision, with appropriate affiliation, and facilities are available.

- 10.2 A remote candidate will be required to complete periods of residence in the University of Adelaide as determined by the Research Education and Development Committee in consultation with the Department.
- 10.3 In accordance with Rule 7 a remote candidate may proceed to the degree either by full-time or half- time study.
- 10.4 On the recommendation of the Department, the Committee at any time may permit an enrolled student to enrol as a remote candidate subject to the conditions specified in 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 above.
- 10.5 A remote candidate may be permitted to convert to an internal mode of attendance and shall be subject to the conditions normally applied.
- 10.6 Notwithstanding Rules 9.1 to 9.4 above, remote candidates are also required to abide by the other Rules and guidelines for the degree of Master of Psychology (Clinical)/ Doctor of Philosophy.

11 Review of Academic Progress

- 11.1 The Committee or Faculty may review the progress of a candidate at any time during the program and, if the candidate's progress is unsatisfactory, may terminate the candidature and the student shall cease to be enrolled for the degree.
- 11.2 A formal review of the candidate's progress shall be conducted by the Department at least once a year in accordance with the guidelines determined by the Research Education and Development Committee and outlined in the *Code of Practice for Maintaining and Monitoring Academic Quality and Standards in Higher Degrees by Research*.
- 11.3 A formal review and confirmation of candidature will occur twelve months after enrolment (see 9.5 above). Subsequent reviews will occur around October each year with written reports forwarded to the Dean of Graduate Studies. A candidate's re-enrolment in the following year is conditional upon satisfactory progress in the year of the review.
- 11.4 A student who fails a course and desires to take this course again shall attend the lectures and seminars and do such written and practical work as the teaching staff concerned may prescribe. No student shall be permitted to repeat a course more than once without the approval in writing of the Head of the Department concerned.

12 Absence from the University

Except for remote candidates, the Committee, on the recommendation of the Department concerned, may

permit a candidate to pursue, away from the University, work connected with the research for the degree. Such permission may only be granted when the candidate has completed or deemed to have completed the Structured Program.

13 Leave of Absence

A candidate whose work is interrupted for a period of time may be granted a leave of absence by the Committee of up to 12 months. If such an application is approved, the minimum and maximum periods specified in Rule 6 will be adjusted accordingly by the length of the leave of absence.

14 Extension of candidature

A candidate may be granted, by the Committee, only one extension of candidature of twelve months beyond the maximum period specified in Rule 6. If the thesis has not been submitted by the end of the extended period, the candidature will lapse.

15 Completion of thesis outside the university

A candidate who has completed the equivalent of two years of full-time work under the control of the University and who has completed the required experimental work, coursework, and placements and whose research progress is sufficiently well advanced to permit the satisfactory completion of the thesis outside the University, may be granted permission by the Committee to complete the writing-up of the thesis outside the University. If such permission is granted the candidate will be allowed either twelve months or until the end of candidature, whichever is the lesser, to submit the thesis. If the thesis has not been submitted by the end of the writing-up period the candidature will lapse.

16 Lapsed candidature

- 16.1 A candidature that has lapsed will be resumed if the completed thesis, which has not departed from the field of study which was being pursued before the candidature lapsed, is subsequently submitted to the Manager, Graduate Administration and Scholarships. The thesis will only be accepted if the Department certifies that it is satisfactory to that Department.
- 16.2 Approval of the Committee is required for resumption of a lapsed candidature under any other conditions.
- 16.3 In special circumstances, the Committee may approve the resumption of a lapsed candidature for one period of up to six months (whether full- or half time) prior to the submission of the completed thesis.

17 Intention to submit thesis

A candidate shall notify the Manager, Graduate Administration and Scholarships, in writing, approximately three months before he or she expects to submit the thesis required under Rule 18. A summary of the thesis, together with the proposed thesis title, shall be submitted at the same time.

18 Submission of thesis

18.1 On completion of the approved program of study and research, including all coursework and placement requirements, a candidate shall submit a thesis embodying the results of that study and research, and may submit also, in support of the thesis, other relevant material.

18.2 The thesis shall:

- (a) display original and critical thought
- (b) be a significant contribution to knowledge
- (c) relate the topic of research to the broader framework of clinical psychology *and*
- (d) be clearly, accurately and cogently written and be suitable illustrated and documented.

18.3 The Committee shall prescribe the form in which the thesis shall be submitted and the number of copies to be submitted.

19 Appointment of thesis examiners

19.1 Candidates shall have the right to submit objections to the appointment of potential examiners of their thesis. Any such objections should be submitted to the Manager, Graduate Administration and Scholarships, at the same time as the notification of intention to submit required under Rule 17.

19.2 The Committee shall appoint two thesis examiners who are external to the University, taking account of any objections raised under Rule 19.1 and the recommendations of the Head of the Department.

19.3 The examiners shall be requested to report in such form as the Committee will determine and to recommend one of the alternatives listed in Rule 20.

19.4 After consideration of the reports of the examiners, the Committee may appoint a third external examiner and/or an external arbitrator.

20 Examination results

20.1 After consideration of the reports of the examiners, the Committee shall determine that:

- (a) the thesis meets criteria for the Doctor of Philosophy and the candidate therefore be awarded the Master of Psychology (Clinical)/Doctor of Philosophy *or*

- (b) the thesis meets criteria for the Doctor of Philosophy and the candidate therefore be awarded the Master of Psychology (Clinical)/Doctor of Philosophy but that minor amendments be made to the thesis *or*

- (c) the thesis meets criteria for the Doctor of Philosophy and the candidate therefore be awarded the Master of Psychology (Clinical)/Doctor of Philosophy subject to specified amendments being made to the thesis *or*

- (d) the thesis does not meet criteria for the Doctor of Philosophy and therefore the candidate be not awarded the Master of Psychology (Clinical)/Doctor of Philosophy but be permitted to re-submit the thesis for examination in a revised form *or*

- (e) the thesis meets criteria for the Master of Medical Science *or*

- (f) the thesis meets criteria for the Master of Medical Science upon making suitable amendments to the thesis *or*

- (g) the thesis does not meet criteria for the Master of Medical Science

20.2 In the event of an examination outcome of (e), (f) or (g), providing that all coursework and placement requirements have been completed satisfactorily, the candidate may be permitted on the recommendation of the Head of the Department to re-enrol in the Master of Psychology (Clinical) and to present additional aspects of research to satisfy requirements for award of the Master of Psychology (Clinical) degree.

21 Deposit of thesis in the library

Such number of copies of a thesis and any other material on which the degree is awarded shall be deposited in the Barr Smith Library or elsewhere in the University as determined by the Committee. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee the copies shall be available for loan and photocopy.

22 Loan or photocopy of thesis

A candidate who does not wish to allow the thesis to be lent or photo-copied when it is deposited in the Library under Rule 21 shall make written application to the Manager, Graduate Administration and Scholarships, at the same time as he or she notifies his or her intention to submit under Rule 17. The withholding of such permission and the period of time involved shall be determined by the Committee.

23 General

When, in the opinion of the Research Education and Development Committee, special circumstances exist, the Committee on the recommendation of the Department, may vary any of the provisions in Rules 1-22 above.