Undergraduate Degree Course Rules

Part 1—Preliminary

1. Title

These rules are the Undergraduate Degree Course Rules.

2. Terms used

In these rules:

area of knowledge means a group of associated disciplinary fields corresponding to a particular undergraduate pass degree;

broadening units means the units referred to in rule 5(6)(c);

category A units means broadening units that:

(a) focus on aspects of the globalised and culturally diverse environment; and

(b) are approved by the Academic Board, on the recommendation of the Board of Coursework Studies, as category A units;

Note: Details of units that have been approved by the Academic Board as category A units are provided at the website address http://?????.uwa.edu.au.

complementary unit means a unit that is approved by the Academic Board as a complementary unit in relation to a degree-specific major;

course means a plan of study, approved by the Academic Board, that a student must successfully undertake to qualify for a degree;

degree-specific major means one of the majors that are approved by the Academic Board as degree-specific majors;

Note: Details of majors that have been approved by the Academic Board as degree-specific majors are provided at the website address http://?????.uwa.edu.au.

LOTE units means units that are approved by the Academic Board as language other than English units;

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normally, in relation to a statement made in these rules, means the statement applies subject to one or more exceptions approved by the Academic Board;

Note: Details of matters that have been approved by the Academic Board as exceptions to these rules are provided at the website address http://?????.uwa.edu.au.

undergraduate degree means an undergraduate pass or honours degree or the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) degree;

undergraduate pass degree means the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Commerce or Bachelor of Design;

unit means a discrete element in a course that normally represents 6 credit points;
**UWA** means The University of Western Australia.

3. **Range of undergraduate enrolments**

   A student who is an undergraduate must be enrolled in:

   (a) an undergraduate pass degree course; or

   (b) an honours degree course referred to in rule 7; or

   (c) the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) degree course.

4. **Selection of degree-specific major must be approved for undergraduate degree course**

   A student must select a degree-specific major that is approved by the Academic Board as a degree-specific major for the undergraduate degree course in which the student is enrolled.

   Note: Details of degree-specific majors that have been approved by the Academic Board for undergraduate degree courses are provided at the website address [http://?????uwa.edu.au](http://?????uwa.edu.au).
Part 2—Undergraduate pass degrees

5. Undergraduate pass degree courses

(1) An undergraduate pass degree course consists of 24 units.

(2) The units must include a degree-specific major in the form of either a single major or a double major.

(3) A single major consists of eight units from the same disciplinary field.

(4) The eight units of a single major consist of:
   (a) in most cases:
      (i) two Level 1 units; and
      (ii) two Level 2 units; and
      (iii) four Level 3 units;
   or
   (b) in exceptional cases:
      (i) two Level 1 units; and
      (ii) three Level 2 units; and
      (iii) three Level 3 units.

(5) A double major consists of 14 units, with normally:
   (a) two Level 1 units that are acceptable to each major; and
   (b) four Level 2 units; and
   (c) eight Level 3 units.

(6) An undergraduate pass degree course:
   (a) must not include more than 12 Level 1 units; and
   (b) must include at least 4 Level 3 units; and
   (c) must include four units (broadening units) from one or more areas of knowledge that, except as stated in rule 6(2) and (3), do not include the area of knowledge in which a student’s degree-specific major is offered.

Note: Details of units that have been approved by the Academic Board as broadening units for degree-specific majors are provided at the website address http://?????uwa.edu.au.

(7) A unit that is a complementary unit in relation to a student’s degree-specific major must be included in the student’s undergraduate pass degree course.
Note: Details of units that have been approved by the Academic Board as complementary units for degree-specific majors are provided at the website address http://????.uwa.edu.au.

6. Broadening units

(1) Subject to (3) at least one of the broadening units in an undergraduate pass degree course must be selected from category A units.

(2) Rule 5(6)(c) does not prevent a student enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts degree course from including LOTE units as broadening units as long as those units do not form part of the disciplinary field of the degree-specific major.

(3) Permissible substitutes for category A units are:
   
   (a) an approved Study Abroad/Student Exchange program for credit; or
   
   (b) a LOTE unit except if it forms part of the disciplinary field of the student’s degree-specific major.

7. Honours degrees

(1) An honours degree course consists of the equivalent of eight units.

(2) An honours degree course includes a dissertation that is normally:
   
   (a) equivalent to four units; and
   
   (b) required to be completed, whether on a full-time or part-time basis, within two consecutive semesters.
Part 3—Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) degree

8. Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) degree course

(1) The Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) degree course consists of 32 units.

(2) Subject to this rule, rules 5 and 6 apply to the Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 units of the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) degree course.

(3) The Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) degree course includes the equivalent of eight Level 4 units.

(4) At least one of the units in the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) degree course must normally involve the study of a language other than English.

(5) (6) applies to a student enrolled in the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) course who is, or will be, undertaking Level 1 units.

(6) Before the Level 1 units are completed, a residential program that is approved by the Academic Board must be undertaken.

Note: Details of residential programs that have been approved by the Academic Board are provided at the website address http://?????..uwa.edu.au.

(7) A semester of study outside Australia must normally be undertaken after the Level 1 units are completed and before the Level 3 units are completed.

(8) A dissertation of approximately 15,000 words, equivalent to four Level 4 units, must be successfully undertaken.
Part 4—Transitional

9. Transitional

Despite these rules, a student who first enrolled in an undergraduate degree course at UWA before 1 January 2012 may continue in the course in accordance with the rules in force and any approved transitional provisions.