

APPROVED RULE CHANGES

On 23 July 2026 the Deputy Director, Governance Support Unit approved under Delegation 3.14.2 administrative changes to section 11 of the Student Rules to reflect the new graduate research supervisor titles as approved by Academic Board (AB/26-3/41).

THE APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE UTS RULES ARE PROVIDED BELOW

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UTS STUDENT RULES

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Section 11 — Graduate research

11.3.3 Students are required to enrol in and satisfactorily complete such prerequisite or concurrent coursework considered appropriate to their individual circumstances by the ~~principal~~ **primary** supervisor on the recommendation of the Responsible Academic Officer.

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11.5.1 Students who wish to transfer from one graduate research course to another shall obtain the recommendation of the ~~principal~~ **primary** supervisor and the Responsible Academic Officer prior to submitting an application to the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Higher Degree by Research) for approval on the appropriate form.

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11.8.1 Students who need more time to complete their degree than the timeframes specified in Rules 11.7.1(1) and 11.7.1(2) must, with the recommendation of the ~~principal~~ **primary** supervisor, seek approval from the Responsible Academic Officer for an extension of the candidature period. Approval will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. The application for extension must include evidence to support the exceptional circumstances.

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11.8.4 In exceptional circumstances, students may request variations to the application of Rules 11.8.3(1) and 11.8.3(2). Any variation will require documentary evidence and recommendations from the ~~principal~~ **primary** supervisor and the Responsible Academic Officer prior to seeking approval from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Higher Degree by Research).

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11.9.4 In exceptional circumstances, students may request variations to the application of Rules 11.9.2 and 11.9.3. Any variation will require documentary evidence and recommendations from the ~~principal~~ **primary** supervisor and the Responsible Academic Officer prior to seeking approval from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Higher Degree by Research).

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11.9.8 Leave requests must be discussed with the ~~principal~~ primary supervisor and the Responsible Academic Officer.

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11.11.6 Where students have a candidate program agreement to present a thesis in a language other than English, the ~~principal~~ primary supervisor must be competent in that language.

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11.12.2 Any change to the approved thesis topic must be recommended by the ~~principal~~ primary supervisor and approved by the Responsible Academic Officer in accordance with the process set out in the Procedures.

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11.18.2 Notwithstanding Rule 11.18.1, an oral presentation may form part of the approved examination process as provided for in the Procedures and/or in a collaborative degree agreement. If an oral presentation is part of the examination process, timing of the presentation will be set in consultation with the ~~principal~~ primary supervisor and Responsible Academic Officer, and approved by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Higher Degree by Research).

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11.19.2 Prior to submitting a thesis for examination, students may indicate that the thesis contains restricted or confidential information that they do not wish to be disclosed freely and may apply to the Responsible Academic Officer for consideration of restriction to access, with the support of the ~~principal~~ primary supervisor.

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11.19.5 The thesis must be provided to the Graduate Research School by the relevant faculty with a certificate signed by the ~~principal~~ primary supervisor and the Responsible Academic Officer certifying that the thesis has been completed and is ready for examination.

11.19.6 If the ~~principal~~ primary supervisor and the Responsible Academic Officer decline to certify that a thesis is ready for examination, the student may request a review of this decision by the Thesis Examination Committee.

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11.22.2 UTS research outputs and scholarly works undertaken at UTS are available online, worldwide and free of charge, supporting the principles of international open access. When submitting a thesis for graduation, students may request restricted access in exceptional circumstances in line with the Open Access Policy. If restricted access is required, students must apply for approval of a thesis embargo (hereafter embargo) to the Responsible Academic Officer with the recommendation of the ~~principal~~ primary supervisor. The embargo period may be for a specified period not exceeding two years and may include conditions on disclosure of information (refer Procedures and Open Access Policy). At the end of two years, students may re-apply for approval of an embargo for a further period of up to two years only.

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11.23.2 The University may discontinue a student's candidature in a research course in certain circumstances including but not limited to:

(1) unsatisfactory progress:

(a) where a student has not submitted a thesis for examination within the approved period of candidature as specified in Rule 11.7 (refer Rule 11.8.3 and 11.10);

(b) where a student has not satisfied candidature stage assessment requirements (Rule 11.15);

(c) where the ~~principal~~ primary supervisor and the Responsible Academic Officer decline to certify that a thesis is ready for examination (refer Rule 11.19.6);

(d) where a student is absent without leave for a period exceeding six months.