

APPROVED RULE CHANGES

Pursuant to the UTS By-law (Part 4, clause 44), the following rule changes have been made by UTS Council.

At its 23/3 meeting on 21 June 2023, Council approved the following amendments to the UTS Rules:

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Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note Document 5.5 - *Report from Academic Board* and its attachments.
- .2 note the Report on Late Conferrals, Corrections to Awards and Rescission of Awards – Autumn 2023 as detailed in **Attachment 1**; and
- .3 approve the changes to Section 11 of the UTS Student Rules, as detailed in **Attachment 2**.

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THE APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE UTS RULES ARE PROVIDED BELOW
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UTS STUDENT RULES

Section 11 – Graduate Research

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11.8 Extension of candidature

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 supervisor, ~~and the Responsible Academic Officer~~, seek approval from the **Responsible Academic Officer Dean, Graduate Research School** 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.

11.8.2 An extension of the approved period of candidature granted by the **Responsible Academic Officer Dean, Graduate Research School** shall not include periods of approved leave of absence.

11.8.3 Regardless of the student's study load, the **Responsible Academic Officer Dean, Graduate Research School** may approve a maximum period of extension:

- (1) Doctoral degree: one calendar year approved for up to six months at a time
- (2) Masters degree (Research): up to six months in total.

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 supervisor and the Responsible Academic Officer prior to seeking approval from the Dean, Graduate Research School.

11.8.~~5~~**4** Where an extension of candidature results in a domestic student exceeding the maximum Commonwealth funded period of candidature, the student may be liable for candidature overtime fees for the period of extended time.

11.8.~~6~~**5** Students who have reached the end of candidature as specified in Rules 11.7.1(1) and 11.7.1(2) and have not applied for an extension of candidature within the timeframe specified by the Procedures or submitted a thesis for examination will have their candidature discontinued as specified in Rule 11.23.2(1)(a) (refer Rule 11.10).

11.8.~~7~~**6** Students who have reached the maximum extended period of candidature as specified in Rules 11.8.3(1) and 11.8.3(2) and have not submitted their thesis at the end of this approved period will have their candidature discontinued as specified in Rule 11.23.2(1)(a) (refer Rule 11.10).

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11.11 Supervision

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11.11.7 Where students seek to change the supervisory panel, the request must be **recommended-approved** by the Responsible Academic Officer. **Where a student is dissatisfied with the determination of the Responsible Academic Officer, they may appeal the decision to for approval by the Dean, Graduate Research School within the timeframe and in accordance with the process stated in the Procedures.**

11.12 Thesis topic

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

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