

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 23/6 meeting on 29 November 2023, Council approved the following amendments to the UTS Rules:

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Council resolved to:

[...]

.2 approve the changes proposed by the Higher Degree Research Committee to Section 11 of the UTS Student Rules as detailed in **Attachment 1**;

.3 approve the changes proposed by the Teaching and Learning Committee to the Student Rules and the Code of Conduct as detailed in **Attachment 2**;

[...]

.6 approve amendments to the Student Rules proposed by the Teaching and Learning Committee as detailed in **Attachment 4** – Amendments to Student Rules – Unique Student Identifier;

[...]

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

Section 2 – Student Requirements

2.2.5 Unique Student Identifier (USI)

(1) Under the provisions of relevant legislation, students who are eligible for a commonwealth supported place and commonwealth financial assistance (HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP, OS-HELP) are required to provide a Unique Student Identifier (USI) on their electronic Commonwealth Assistance Form (eCAF). All remaining students, including graduate research students, are required to provide a USI prior to their final session.

(2) This USI will:

- a) be limited in its use to the reporting to the relevant Commonwealth offices;
- b) have its use protected under the relevant legislation.

(3) A student who is required to provide a valid USI and fails to do so, or who provides a number that is invalid or false, may have their admission to or enrolment in the course cancelled or changed or degree conferral and award held.

Section 11 — Graduate research

11.22 Graduation

11.22.1 The final thesis and documents specified by the Procedures must be submitted to the Responsible Academic Officer.

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 must indicate if it requires restricted access** ~~students may request restricted access in exceptional circumstances in line with the [Open Access Policy](#).~~ If restricted access is required, **they must apply for an embargo to the Dean, Graduate Research School** ~~students must apply for approval of a thesis embargo (hereafter embargo) to the Responsible Academic Officer with the recommendation of the principal supervisor and the Responsible Academic Officer. The Dean, Graduate Research School may approve such restriction indefinitely or for a specified period not normally exceeding two years and may impose conditions on disclosure of such information. 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.~~

11.22.3 Students are required to deposit a digital copy of their final thesis with the University Library for permanent retention, subject to the Procedures.

(1) Any material which gives evidence of artefacts, exhibition, performance or portfolio of professional or creative work must be recorded or produced in a format approved by the Thesis Examination Committee on the advice of the University Librarian in regard to its preservation and maintenance.

11.22.4 A digital copy must be provided in accordance with the Procedures.

11.22.5 The copy of the thesis deposited with the University Library **will be available for consultation or copying at the discretion of the University Librarian unless the Dean, Graduate Research School on the application of the student, determines that the thesis, or parts of the thesis, shall not be available until after the expiry of a period, which shall not normally exceed two years will be made publicly available online at the discretion of the University Librarian. If an embargo has been approved, the thesis will be made available once the embargo period has expired which shall not normally exceed two years.**

Schedule 1 - Definitions

Generative artificial intelligence (also GenAI) means an artificial intelligence system, tool (existing and emerging) or IT resources (existing or emerging) that can generate new content, such as text, images, code, video and audio.