Doctor of Philosophy (00890) and Master of Clinical Psychology (5XXXX)

Applicability of the Doctor of Philosophy Rules and the Student Rules, policies and procedures

1.(1) The Doctor of Philosophy Rules apply to this course.

(2) The Student Rules, policies and procedures in the Student Procedures, Rules and Policies section apply except as otherwise indicated in the rules for this course.

Academic Conduct Essentials Module

1.A(1) Except as stated in (2), a student who enrolls in this course for the first time irrespective of whether they have previously been enrolled in another course of the University, must undertake the Academic Conduct Essentials module (the ACE module).

(2) A student who has previously achieved a result of Ungraded Pass (UP) for the ACE module is not required to repeat the module.

(3) A student who has not achieved a result of Ungraded Pass (UP) for the ACE module when their progress status is assessed will not have made satisfactory progress even if they have met the other requirements for satisfactory progress in the rules for this course.

(4) A student who does not make satisfactory progress in terms of (3) is assigned the progress status of ‘On Probation’.

Admission

2. To be considered for admission to this course an applicant must have either—

(a) had a PhD proposal approved by the Board of the Graduate Research School;

or

(b) an honours degree in psychology of at least 2A level or equivalent.

Research Thesis

3. The research thesis must be undertaken in one of the areas of specialisation selected for the Master of Clinical Psychology.

Submission of research proposal and thesis

4.(1) A student who is permitted to enrol in terms of Rule 2(a) must submit a full research proposal to the Board of the Graduate Research School no later than 31 October in the year of their commencement of candidature if enrolled full-time or within nine months of their date of commencement if enrolled part-time.

(2) A student must, before submission of the thesis for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, complete the Master of Clinical Psychology component set out in Rule 5.

Master of Clinical Psychology component
5. The Master of Clinical Psychology component consists of units to the value of 72 points comprising either:

(a) for students enrolled prior to 2012, all of the following units:

All units have a value of six points unless otherwise stated.

S1, S2 PSYC8510 Evaluation and Research Methodology I
N/A PSYC8552 Assessment
S1, S2 PSYC8678 Practicum I
S1, S2 PSYC8565 External Practicum
N/A PSYC8566 Psychopathology and Clinical Problems
N/A PSYC8567 Clinical Health Psychology
N/A PSYC8568 Adult and Child Psychotherapy 1
N/A PSYC8569 Adult and Child Psychotherapy 2
S1 PSYC8661 Specialist Topics
S1, S2 PSYC8679 Practicum II
S1, S2 PSYC8663 External Practicum
S1, S2 PSYC8664 External Practicum

(b) for students commencing from 2012:

(i) all of the following units; and

All units have a value of six points unless otherwise stated.

S1 PSYC8672 Foundations in Clinical Skills I
S1 PSYC8673 Foundations in Clinical Skills II
S2 PSYC8674 Assessment and Intervention—Childhood Disorders
S2 PSYC8675 Assessment and Intervention—Emotional Disorders
S1 PSYC8678 Practicum I
S1, S2 PSYC8679 Practicum II
S1 PSYCXXXX Applied research methods
S2 PSYCXXXX Assessment and intervention – Adult Complex Disorders
S1 PSYCXXXX Specialist Unit 1
S2 PSYCXXXX Specialist Unit 2
S1 PSYC8663 External Practicum
S2 PSYC8664 External Practicum
S1, S2 PSYCXXXX Masters of Psychology Dissertation Parts 1 to 4 (24 points)

(ii) one pair of specialist units chosen from; or

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or
(iii) another combination of specialist units approved by the Head of the School of Psychology and on recommendation of the Psychology PhD panel and Program Coordinator.

Satisfactory progress

6. A student who—

(a) does not pass units to a points value of at least half the total points value of any units in which they remain enrolled; or

(b) fails a unit that they have previously failed; or

(c) does not satisfy the Board through relevant reports that their progress towards the PhD has been appropriate, will not have made satisfactory progress.

Progress status

7. Unless the Faculty and the Board approve otherwise in recognition of exceptional circumstances, a student who fails to make satisfactory progress in accordance with Rule 6 is assigned a progress status of 'Excluded'.

Results

8(1) A student who completes the units required under Rule 5 and who also completes the requirements of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy will qualify for the award of the degree of Master of Clinical Psychology and the Doctor of Philosophy.

(2) A student who withdraws from the course without having completed the requirements for both degrees but who has completed the units set out in Rule 5 and a research component deemed by Faculty to equate to at least 24 points may be apply to Faculty to be considered for the award of the Master of Clinical Psychology.

(3) A student who fails to qualify for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy may submit the results of their research in a form approved by the Faculty in order to be considered for the award of the degree of Master of Psychology.

Time limit

9. Unless the Faculty on the recommendation of the Head of the School of Psychology approves otherwise, a student must complete the units required under Rule 5 within four calendar years from the date of their first enrolment in the combined course.