

Course and Program Design Principles - Policy

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The University of Queensland Act (Qld) 1998 ^[6]

Australian Qualifications Framework ^[7]

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1. Purpose and Objectives

This policy sets out the University of Queensland's course and program design principles for all programs, as well as the University's principles regarding program nomenclature and the alphanumeric coding system for courses offered by the University.

2. Definitions, Terms, Acronyms

Academic programs – sequence of study leading to the award of a qualification such as an undergraduate degree or diploma, and/or postgraduate coursework qualification.

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) - a single comprehensive national qualifications framework that represents the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training.

Course (formerly known as subject) – a distinct unit of study within a program, for which a result is given. Each course is identified by its alphanumeric code, a title and a fixed unit value. Courses are normally completed in one or two semesters.

Units (#) – represent the value of individual courses which contribute to the total unit requirement of an academic program.

3. Policy Scope/Coverage

This policy is applicable to all coursework programs and courses offered at The University of Queensland. The principles apply also to fields (e.g. majors, fields of study) within programs. The principles relating to nomenclature relate to all programs.

4. Policy Statement

The University of Queensland Act (1998) ^[6] empowers the institution to confer Higher Education awards defined and listed in the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) ^[8].

The University has a common standardised structure which applies to all undergraduate and postgraduate coursework programs. Senate has endorsed the principle that award nomenclature should be standardised wherever possible.

The University has an alphanumeric coding system to manage the allocation of unique identifiers for each course offered by the University, with the alpha code representing the course discipline and the numeric code indicating level.

Links:

[1] <http://ppl.app.uq.edu.au/print/node/577>

[2] <http://ppl.app.uq.edu.au/printpdf/node/577>

[3] <http://ppl.app.uq.edu.au/content/3.20.02-course-and-program-design#Policy>

[4] <http://ppl.app.uq.edu.au/content/3.20.03-course-coding>

[5] <http://ppl.app.uq.edu.au/content/3.20.04-program-nomenclature>

[6] <http://www.uq.edu.au/senate/content/legislation-and-rules>

[7] <http://www.aqf.edu.au>

[8] <http://www.aqf.edu.au/>

[9] [mailto:'+academic.registrar@uq.edu.au'+](mailto:'+academic.registrar@uq.edu.au')

[10] <http://ppl.app.uq.edu.au/notifications/subscribe/833/thread/nid/577?destination=node%2F577>