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Notes on Delegated Authority

1 Council has delegated the power to approve minor changes to the General General Academic Rules to the Convenor of Academic Board.

2 Council has delegated the power to approve minor changes to the Specific General Academic Rules to the Executive Deans of Faculties.

3 Council has delegated the power to specify syllabuses to the Head of each department or centre concerned, such syllabuses to be subject to approval by the Faculty or by the Executive Dean on behalf of the Faculty.
The University is currently in the process of implementing a new information systems infrastructure. This includes a new Student Administration system. A consequence of this initiative is that the University has adopted a new set of nomenclature to describe its academic awards and curriculum offerings.

The changes in terminology that will be noticed in the Handbook of Academic Programs are as follows:

- **Academic Program** is used to describe academic awards which were previously referred to as Courses.
- **Course** is used to describe syllabus offerings which were previously referred to as Subjects.
- **Unit** is used to describe the value the course contributes to program completion previously referred to as Points.
The above awards has been developed within the framework of the General Academic Program Rules printed at the beginning of this volume of the Handbook. As all students must comply with both the General and Specific Academic Program rules, they are advised to refer to them to gain an understanding of their rights and responsibilities regarding program matters.

### Specific Academic Program Rules

1 **General**

1.1 Prior to acceptance as a candidate it will be necessary for the School to approve the applicant’s suggested Supervisor.

1.2 The subject of any thesis shall be approved by the School of Commerce and the Faculty.

2 **Duration of program**

2.1 Except by special permission of the Faculty the work for the degree for a full-time candidate shall be completed in not less than one year and not more than three years from the date of candidature accepted by the Faculty.

22 Except by special permission of the Faculty, the work for the degree for a part-time candidate shall be completed in not less than two years and not more than six years from the date of candidature accepted by the Faculty.

3 **Admission requirements**

3.1 A person who wishes to become a candidate for the degree shall apply to the Faculty indicating in general terms the subject of any research work to be undertaken.

3.2 The Faculty of PALACE may accept as a candidate for the degree of Master of Commerce any person who:

(a) has qualified for the degree of Bachelor of Commerce with First or Second-Class Honours at Adelaide University or

(b) has qualified for another Honours degree which the Faculty regards as being equivalent to a First or Second-Class Honours degree in Commerce of Adelaide University.

3.3 Subject to the approval of the Board of Graduate Studies acting with authority wittingly devolved to it by Council the Faculty may, in special cases and subject to such conditions (if any) as it may see fit to impose in each case, accept as a candidate for the degree a person who, irrespective of whether or not the candidate is a university graduate, has given evidence satisfactory to the Faculty of fitness to undertake work for the degree.

(a) Before deciding such a person’s fitness, the Faculty may, if it so desires, require him or her (i) to complete prescribed preliminary work and thereafter, or alternatively, (ii) to complete a prescribed program of study and pass a qualifying examination of Honours standard.

(b) The form and assessment of any preliminary work and/or any program of study shall be proposed by the School of Commerce and approved by the Faculty.

4 **Assessment and examinations**

4.1 On completion of the work, the candidate shall lodge three copies of the thesis prepared in accordance with the directions given to candidates in the leaflet ‘Guidelines on Higher Degrees by Research and Specifications for Thesis’.

4.2 Assessment shall in every case be by not less than two examiners, of whom one at least shall be external to the University. The names of the examiners shall be proposed by the School of Commerce and approved by the Faculty (the supervisor cannot be an examiner). The examiners shall report to the Faculty and may recommend:

(a) that the thesis be accepted as satisfactory for the purposes of section 2 above or

(b) that the thesis be returned to the candidate for revision and resubmission or

(c) that the thesis be not accepted.

4.3 A candidate who complies with all the foregoing conditions shall, on the recommendation of the Faculty of PALACE, be admitted to the degree of Master of Commerce.
4.4 Review of academic progress
4.4.1 A candidate’s progress shall be reviewed by the Faculty at the end of each academic year. If, in the opinion of the Faculty, a candidate is not making satisfactory progress the Faculty may, with the consent of the Council, withdraw its approval of his or her candidature and the candidate shall cease to be enrolled for the degree.

4.4.2 Postgraduate students of the School of Commerce are normally expected to attend the majority of research seminars arranged by the School in each year of their candidature. For full-time students, attendance at a minimum of 75 per cent of seminars is expected. For part-time students, a minimum of 50 percent is expected.

5 Qualification requirements
5.1 A candidate may qualify for the degree by satisfactorily completing an approved program of research work on an approved topic and submitting a satisfactory thesis thereon.