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Master of Comparative Laws (Adelaide/Mannheim)
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Notes on Delegated Authority

1 Council has delegated the power to approve minor changes to the General Academic Rules to the Convenor of Academic Board.
2 Council has delegated the power to approve minor changes to the Specific 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.
4 There is also a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) whose rules are available on application from the School office.
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:

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A Master of Comparative Laws degree is conducted jointly by the Schools of Law at Adelaide University and the University of Mannheim, Germany. Enrolment is available at either University. The title of the degree for students enrolled at Adelaide University is "Master of Comparative Laws (Adelaide/Mannheim)" and for students enrolled at the University of Mannheim is "Master of Comparative Laws (Mannheim/Adelaide)". Courses offered to students enrolled at each University will be offered cross-institutionally to students enrolled at the other University.

Admission as a candidate for the degree of Master of Comparative Laws is subject to a quota at each University. If the quota is filled at Mannheim but not at Adelaide, Mannheim students will be permitted to enrol at Adelaide on a fee paying basis. Any students so admitted will be permitted to undertake the dissertation at either University.

The above award 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.

Note: Postgraduate tuition fees apply to this program. (Each student from Adelaide and Mannheim shall be required to pay the fees currently established at the institution where he or she is undertaking the degree. No academic fees shall be payable at the other institution.)

### Specific Academic Program Rules

#### 1 Duration of Program

1.1 Unless the School otherwise approves, a candidate may proceed to the degree by full-time study only.

1.2 Unless the School in any particular case approves an extension of time, a candidate for the degree of Master of Comparative Laws (Adelaide/Mannheim) shall complete the requirements for the degree in not less than 15 months from the date of the commencement of candidature.

#### 2 Admission

2.1 The School may accept as a candidate for the degree of Master of Comparative Laws (Adelaide/Mannheim) any person who has qualified for:

(a) an Honours degree of Bachelor of Laws or an Ordinary degree of Bachelor of Laws with Honours of Adelaide University

(b) an Ordinary degree of Bachelor of Laws of Adelaide University which the School judges to have been attained at above-average standard

(c) an Ordinary degree of Bachelor of Laws of Adelaide University and who has substantial professional experience or other relevant qualifications or

(d) a degree in Law of another university or tertiary institution which, in the opinion of the School is equivalent to any of the degrees contained in 2.1(a) and 2.1(b) above or which, together with any professional or other relevant experience

2.2 The School may in appropriate cases accept, subject to the approval of the Board of Graduate Studies acting with authority wittingly devolved to it by Council, a candidate for the degree of Master of Comparative Laws who does not otherwise qualify under this Specific Academic Program Rule but has given evidence satisfactory to the School of capacity to undertake work for the degree.

2.3 Status

A candidate for the degree of Master of Comparative Laws (Adelaide/Mannheim) may apply at any time to the School for status, and the School may grant such status as it determines on account of work previously undertaken by the candidate.

#### 3 Assessment and examinations

3.1 There shall be four classifications of pass in any course of the Master of Comparative Laws (Adelaide/Mannheim) as follows: Pass with High Distinction, Pass with Distinction, Pass with Credit and Pass.

3.2 Both Schools will appoint an examiner in respect of each dissertation submitted at either School. The examiners shall in each case consult together in order to determine the result of the dissertation.
3.3 The examiners shall report to the School and may recommend
(a) that a dissertation is satisfactory or
(b) that a dissertation be returned to the candidate for revision and resubmission or
(c) that a dissertation is not satisfactory.

4 Qualification requirements
To qualify for the degree of Master of Comparative Laws (Adelaide/Mannheim) a candidate shall:
(a) complete satisfactorily three courses from those listed in clause 2.3 above and ten credit hours of courses designated as open for master’s degree students by the School of Law at the University of Mannheim (each course containing such oral examination, written examination, written paper or combination thereof as determined by the course coordinator)
(b) write a dissertation of between 12,000-15,000 words and
(c) otherwise complying with the provisions of the Specific Academic Program Rules.

4.1 Program of study
4.1.1 Programs of study must be approved by the Dean of the School or a nominee at enrolment each year.
4.1.2 Candidature will commence on the first day of the semester in which the candidate’s coursework begins.
4.1.3 The courses for the degree of Master of Comparative Laws (Adelaide/Mannheim) shall vary from year to year except that:
7406 Comparative Law and
7772 Dissertation (Comparative)
or
2125 Dissertation (Comparative) (mid-year intake)
will be offered annually.
International students may, upon approval of the School, present one course from the Bachelor of Laws in lieu of one of the MCL courses.
4.1.4 The subject of a dissertation shall be approved and a supervisor appointed by the School at which the student is enrolled. A candidate shall lodge with the School Registrar two copies of a dissertation prepared in accordance with directions given to candidates from time to time.
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Specific Academic Program Rules

1 Duration of Program
1.1 A candidate may proceed to the degree by either full-time or part-time study.
1.2 Unless the School expressly approves an extension of time, a full-time candidate for the degree shall submit the thesis within two calendar years, and part-time or external candidates shall submit the thesis within four calendar years from the date of the commencement of candidature or probationary candidature. Except with permission of the School no thesis may be submitted earlier than one calendar year in the case of full-time candidates or earlier than two years in the case of part-time candidates, from the date of commencement of candidature.

2 Admission
2.1 (a) The School of Law may accept as a candidate for the degree of Master of Laws any person who has qualified for:
   (i) An Honours degree of Bachelor Laws or an Ordinary degree of Bachelor of Laws with Honours at Adelaide University or
   (ii) Holds a qualification which, in the opinion of the School, is at least equivalent to those of the Honours degree of Bachelor of Laws of the University.
   (b) The School may accept as a probationary candidate for the degree of Master of Laws any other graduate of the University or of another tertiary institution if the School is satisfied that the candidate is likely to be able satisfactorily to undertake work for the degree.
   (c) Every probationary candidate shall, within such time as the School shall prescribe or allow, pass at Honours standard and at the first attempt such assessment as the School may prescribe. Should the candidate fail so to complete such assessment the probationary candidature shall lapse unless the School, under such conditions as it thinks fit, determines that it be allowed to continue.

3 Assessment and examinations
(a) The School shall appoint two persons to examine each thesis, at least one of whom shall be an external examiner.
(b) The examiners shall report to the School and may recommend:
   (i) that the degree be awarded or
   (ii) that the thesis be returned to the candidate for revision and resubmission or
   (iii) that the degree be not awarded.

4 Qualification requirements
4.1 To qualify for the degree of Master of Laws a candidate shall demonstrate by the submission of a thesis of not more than 70,000 words on a subject approved by the School, an ability to carry out independent research, to marshal logically and appropriately, and to analyse and assess, the material produced by that research, and to express clearly and effectively the conclusions to be drawn from that analysis and assessment. The candidate, on submission of the thesis, shall adduce
sufficient evidence that the thesis, which shall be prepared under the guidance of the supervisor or supervisors appointed by the School, is the candidate’s own work.

4.2 If the School considers, after a final report by the appointed examiners, that a thesis submitted for the degree of Doctor of Laws or Doctor of Philosophy is not sufficiently meritorious to qualify the candidate submitting that thesis for the award of that degree, the School may, if in its opinion the thesis submitted is of a standard sufficient to comply with the relevant requirements, recommend that the Master of Laws be awarded.