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COURSE REGULATIONS: DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD)

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| Purpose: | These Doctor of Philosophy Degree Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Doctor of Philosophy Degree at the University of Notre Dame Australia. These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the General University Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations. |
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INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Introduction

These Doctor of Philosophy Degree Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Doctor of Philosophy Degree at the University of Notre Dame Australia.

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1.2 Interpretation

“Dean” – shall mean the Dean of a School.

“Program” – shall mean the Doctor of Philosophy degree as outlined in these regulations.

“the Provost” – shall mean the person appointed to the position of Provost as defined in The University of Notre Dame Australia Act.

“School” – shall mean a School of the University of Notre Dame Australia through or in which the student is seeking or pursuing candidature.

“Supervisor” – shall mean the person(s) appointed by The University of Notre Dame Australia to act as Supervisor to a candidate enrolled in the Masters by Research and Thesis.

“Research Degree Regulations” - shall mean the regulations that apply to all degrees by research only at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

“Thesis” – shall mean a substantial report that represents at least two thirds of a degree program requirements and the research underpinning the thesis comprises at least one year of full-time equivalent study.

“the University”- shall mean the University of Notre Dame Australia.

“the University General Regulations” – shall mean the General Regulations of the University of Notre Dame Australia.

1.3 Alterations made to Course Regulations

Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Doctor of Philosophy degree, the amendments will automatically apply to all students enrolling for the first time in the degree in the year immediately following the adoption of the amendments.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

2. Entry Criteria

- 2.1 The Provost, on the advice of the Dean of the School, determines admission to the doctoral program.
- 2.2 Applicants to the doctoral program are expected to satisfy the following criteria:
 - 2.2.1 Possession of a research Masters appropriate to the professional field of the applicant; or
 - 2.2.2 Possession of a Bachelor's degree with Honours (typically 1st Class or Class 2A Honours level or equivalent); or
 - 2.2.3 Possession of a Master of Philosophy; or
 - 2.2.4 In exceptional circumstances, an equivalent academic or professional background that is considered by the Dean of the School to be an appropriate preparation for independent study and research work at doctoral level.
- 2.3 An applicant may be required to satisfy the Dean of the School of the ability to understand and communicate in both written and spoken English at a level adequate for the purpose of pursuing the program of study.

3. Maximum and Minimum Duration

- 3.1 The maximum time for completion of the Doctor of Philosophy (not including periods of approved leave of absence) will normally be three calendar years for a full-time student and six years for a part-time student.
- 3.2 An extension of up to one year may be negotiated where the nature of the research or other circumstances is considered by the Provost, on the advice of the Dean of the School, to be appropriate.
- 3.2 The minimum time for completion will normally be two years.

4. Concurrent study

- 4.1 A student may, on the determination of the Provost, after consultation with the Dean and the Supervisor, be required to undertake concurrent studies in the relevant content area if his/her background is deemed to be lacking in contemporary knowledge and understanding.
- 4.2 A student may, on the determination of the Provost after consultation with the Dean and the Supervisor, be required to undertake concurrent studies in coursework relevant to the acquisition of required research knowledge and skills.

5. Thesis

- 5.1 The thesis component is an original, systematic and advanced level investigation into a significant question, problem or phenomenon.
- 5.2 The thesis shall be in the range of 80 000 – 100 000 words, not including appendices.

End of regulations

APPENDIX A

Degree Structure: Doctor of Philosophy

| YEAR ONE | | | | | |
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| SEMESTER 1 | | | SEMESTER 2 | | |
| Unit Code | Unit Title | CPTS | Unit Code | Unit Title | CPTS |
| SRXXX12 | Supervised Research | 100 | SRXXX12 | Supervised Research | 100 |
| <i>Credit Points for Semester 1 =</i> | | <i>100</i> | <i>Credit Points for Semester 2 =</i> | | <i>100</i> |
| Total Credit Points for Year One = | | | | | 200 |
| YEAR TWO | | | | | |
| SEMESTER 1 | | | SEMESTER 2 | | |
| Unit Code | Unit Title | CPTS | Unit Code | Unit Title | CPTS |
| SRXXX12 | Supervised Research | 100 | SRXXX12 | Supervised Research | 100 |
| <i>Credit Points for Semester 1 =</i> | | <i>100</i> | <i>Credit Points for Semester 2 =</i> | | <i>100</i> |
| Total Credit Points for Year Two = | | | | | 200 |
| YEAR THREE | | | | | |
| SEMESTER 1 | | | SEMESTER 2 | | |
| Unit Code | Unit Title | CPTS | Unit Code | Unit Title | CPTS |
| SRXXX12 | Supervised Research | 100 | SRXXX12 | Supervised Research | 100 |
| <i>Credit Points for Semester 1 =</i> | | <i>100</i> | <i>Credit Points for Semester 2 =</i> | | <i>100</i> |
| Total Credit Points for Year Three = | | | | | 200 |
| Total Credit Points for Course = | | | | | 600 |