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# POLICY: DOUBLE & COMBINED DEGREES

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<b>Purpose:</b>	Outlines the standard framework for double degrees and combined degrees.
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## Rationale

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The University's double and combined degree programs are designed to enhance students' educational, academic and professional qualifications. Double and combined degrees aim to broaden a student's knowledge and skills base and improve career options in competitive, increasingly interactive fields.

## Definitions

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*Double degree* - an approved combined study program from two disciplines which allows accelerated completion and conferral of two degrees as separate awards upon a candidate who has complied with the Course Regulations for the double degrees; the two degrees are normally also available independently within the University. A double degree results in two testamurs in less time than the total time for each degree [e.g. LLB and BCom]

*Combined degree* - a combination of two individually approved degree programs into a new single course; the course has one program code and one set of Course Regulations and results in one testamur [e.g. MBBS; BA BEd (Sec)]

## Principles

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- 1 Double and combined degrees are designed to offer an integrated pattern of studies in two disciplines from early in the course.
- 2 The duration of a double degree may vary among disciplines, although the degree will be less than the sum of the length of the two individual degrees.
- 3 A double degree shall add at least one year of study beyond the length of the longest single degree.
- 4 A double or combined degree program may involve more than one School; however, one School will be nominated by Academic Council as the School clearly identified and responsible for the administration of the double or combined degree course.
- 5 To be awarded a double degree, students must normally complete:
  - 5.1 The compulsory or required units of each undergraduate course and major;
  - 5.2 A minimum of 70 percent of the total credit points of both degree programs, with the Core Curriculum units counting only once and rounded to the nearest 25 credit points; and
  - 5.3 A minimum of 50 percent of the credit points of each degree program in addition to the Core Curriculum units.
- 6 The credit point savings in a double degree program may vary; the number of credit points saved by a student may be limited by the prescribed structure of some degrees and the saving may not necessarily be distributed across both component degrees and may be possible in relation to only one of them.
- 7 Honours may be undertaken in either or both of the awards in a double degree or in the combined degree in accordance with Course Regulations.
- 8 At Board of Examiners meetings, members from the disciplines of the double or combined degree shall be present.
- 9 Students in double or combined degree programs shall be eligible on an equal basis for scholarships, prizes and awards for excellence as may be available from either or both of the Schools or the University.
- 10 A student will complete the full course of study for the double degree and receive a testamur for each of the two component degrees simultaneously.

11. A student who completes the requirements of one of the awards in a double degree and wishes to graduate in that award may transfer enrolment to the single degree course for that purpose in accordance with the General Regulations providing they have met the requirements of the single degree course consistent with the Course Regulations of that degree.