

## RULE CHANGES APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Pursuant to the UTS By-law (Part 4, division 3, clause 44), the following rule changes have been made by UTS Council.

At its 14/2 meeting on 16 April 2014, Council resolved [COU/14-2/38] that amendments be made to the Graduate Research Study section (Rules 11.8 and 11.20) of the Student and Student Related Rules. The amendments streamline the extension application process for research students and encourage on-time completions. In summary, the amendments:

- permit extensions to be granted in six-month blocks only
- reiterate that the maximum period of extensions remain as one year for Doctoral degrees and six months for Masters by research degrees, and
- provide for the discontinuation of candidature for a student who has exceeded the maximum (extended) period of candidature and who has not submitted a thesis for examination.

Attachment 1 details the approved amendments

### ATTACHMENT 1

#### UTS Student and Related Rules

The proposed amended Student and Related Rules are as follows with deletions shown in ~~striketrough~~ and additions underlined.

#### SECTION 11—GRADUATE RESEARCH STUDY

##### 11.8 Extension of candidature

11.8.1 A student who has reached the maximum period of candidature as specified in Rule 11.7.1(1) and 11.7.1(2) and who wishes to extend the period of his or her ~~research~~ candidature is required to seek approval from the Dean, Graduate Research School.

11.8.2 An extension of the approved period of candidature granted by the Dean, Graduate Research School shall not include periods of approved leave of absence.

11.8.3 If approved, ~~T~~the maximum period of extension shall not normally exceed:

~~(1) One calendar year for a Doctoral degree by research, a professional Doctoral degree and a Doctoral degree by creative works;~~

~~(2) One half calendar year for a Masters degree by research.~~

(1) For doctoral degrees, six months at a time and a maximum of two extensions.

(2) For Masters by research degrees, six months at a time and a maximum of one extension.

11.8.4 Where an extension of candidature means that a **local domestic** student will exceed the maximum **Commonwealth funded** period **of candidature for which Commonwealth support is normally provided** the student may be liable for **course tuition** fees for **any period of this approved period of extended** time. ~~that is outside the maximum period of time normally covered by such Commonwealth support.~~

**11.8.5 A student who has reached the maximum period of candidature as specified in Rule 11.7.1(1) and 11.7.1(2) and has not applied for an extension of candidature or submitted a thesis for examination will be withdrawn from the course as specified in Rule 11.20.2(1)(a) (refer Rule 11.10).**

**11.8.6 A student who has reached the maximum extended period of candidature as specified in Rule 11.8.3(1) and 11.8.3(2) and has not submitted their thesis at the end of this approved period will be withdrawn from the course as specified in Rule 11.20.2(1)(a) (refer Rule 11.10).**

## **11.20 Discontinuation of candidature**

11.20.1 A student who wishes to withdraw permanently from candidature in a research course must lodge an application for withdrawal in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Registrar.

11.20.2 The University may discontinue a student's candidature in a research course in certain circumstances including but not limited to:

- (1) unsatisfactory progress
  - (a) where a student has not submitted a thesis for examination within the approved period of candidature as specified in [Rule 11.7](#) (refer [Rule 11.10](#) and [Rule 11.8.3](#));
  - (b) where a student has not satisfied progress requirements ([Rule 11.13](#));
  - (c) where a student has not satisfied candidature assessment requirements ([Rule 11.14](#)) in which case the student's candidature in the course will be discontinued and the result for the thesis component will be recorded as withdrawn.
- (2) unsatisfactory examination
  - (a) where a student has not re-submitted a revised thesis for re-examination in the required time period ([Rule 11.18.9](#));
  - (b) where a student has failed to satisfy requirements for the award of the degree ([Rule 11.18.7\(4\)](#)) in which case the student's candidature in the course will be discontinued and the result for the thesis component will be recorded as a failure.

11.20.3 Where a student's candidature has been discontinued by the University, the student shall be notified in writing by the Graduate Research School as soon as reasonably possible and giving the reason for the discontinuation.