Renewing the Light

Draft UG and PG Curriculum Architecture
How did we get here?

• VC address, five workshops with ~ 200 participants
• Discussed various academic & business issues
• Received further feedback via email
• Discussion at Senate – endorses this project
• Small working party developed draft principles
  • Faculty reps, Senate & ASQC reps, Curriculum & Planning, MI, PVC P&P
• Red-Hat team tried to break draft principles
• Student reps group provided feedback on draft principles
What now?

• Work through the main draft principles & get your opinion
• Full draft principles (annotated) available on Wednesday via Teche
  • Available to all staff for feedback through Qualtrics survey
  • Need feedback by Wed June 20
  • Modify draft principles based on feedback
• To Senate for approval July 24 (via ASQC special meeting)
Why the rush?

- If we want to offer a better structure by 2020

- Maximal time for Faculties to meet external (UAC and international recruitment) & internal (handbook) deadlines

- If we miss deadline, new structure not in place until 2021
The draft principles

Undergraduate architecture
35 principle categories with 100 principles

Postgraduate architecture
25 principle categories with 58 principles

Micro-credentials architecture
10 principle categories with 20 principles
Credit points

• Vertical doubles raised issue different credit points
• Postgraduate & undergraduate units have same credit point value
• Each unit has 10 credit points (= 150 hours)
  • Micro credentialing (short courses of 15 hours = 1 cp)
• Move to 4-alpha-numeric unit coding system in 2020
  • MATH1002
  • Allows for unit recoding
MQ has two undergraduate degree types

- Generalist Degree
- Specialist Degree
Generalist Degrees

- Broad study across a discipline area
- 240cp, 24 units; 3 yrs (AQF 7)

Examples

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Science
Specialist Degrees

- More specialised study in a discipline or professional area
  - 240cp - 24 units; 3 yrs
  - 320cp - 32 units, 4 yrs
  - AQF 7 or 8

Examples

Bachelor of Actuarial Studies
Bachelor of Psychology (Hons)
These degrees be undertaken in one of two ways

**Single Degree** OR **Double Degree**
MQ Undergraduate Degrees are divided into two “study zones”
Red Zone Depth + Purple Zone Breadth = Degree
The university decides what is in
A student’s red zone
The **Purple Zone** consists of “free electives”

Students may enrol in any unit anywhere in the University for which they meet the unit pre-reqs

The **Purple Zone** replaces People & Planet
Generalist Degrees

Red Zone
16 Units

Purple Zone
8 Units

= Generalist Degree
Specialist Degrees

Red Zone  
At least 16 Units

Purple Zone  
No more than 8 Units

=  
Specialist Degree
Red Zone requirements

- **Course Core**
  - any units all students must take

- **Course Electives**
  - students get to choose a unit(s) from an option set(s)

- **Major (Generalist Degree)**
- **Sub-Major (Generalist Degree)**

- **Specialisation (Specialist Degree)**
- **Concentration (Specialist Degree)**
Major
Majors are an 8 unit sequence of study within a Generalist Degree

Sub-Major
Sub-majors are 4 unit sequence of study drawn from an approved major
Example composition of Red Zones

Core
4 units

Sub-Major
4 units

Major
8 Units

Purple Zone
8 Units

Bachelor of Arts
Specialist degree **Red Zone**

**Specialisation**
Specialisations are at least a 12 unit sequence of study within a Specialist Degree

**Concentration**
Concentrations are a sequence of units from within a specialisation that provide further depth of study
Example composition of Red Zones

- **Core**: 6 units
- **Electives**: 2 Units
- **Specialisation**: 12 Units (with 4 units completed for concentration)
- **Purple Zone**: 4 Units

= Bachelor of Specialist Studies
Capstone & PACE

• **Question:** Should the capstone and PACE unit be
  • a core course requirement
  • a major/specialisation requirement
  • or should we have no capstone unit at all & embed capstone thinking throughout degree?
Red zone – major size

• Majors: 80cp = 8 units

• Can have co-required sub-major (40 cp = 4 units)

• Prerequisite to major can sit outside major in the course core
Red zone – specialisation size

- Specialisations: $120^+ \text{ cp} = 12^+ \text{ units}$
Major/specialisation questions

• **Question:** should same named majors/specializations appear in different degrees in different faculties?

• **Against:** not the same graduates, type of degree is significant, confusing for students and employers

• **For:** more confusing if majors have slightly different names, Testamur indicates major is taken in a different degree
Major/specialisation questions

• **Question:** Should majors/specializations have consistent structure?

• e.g. 2*1000 level, 2* 2000 level, 4* 3000 level
• Within a degree?
• Across all degrees?
Generalist **purple** zone

- Students create their own curriculum
- Free electives
- Second major
- Sub-major
- Minor
- RPL
- Overseas semester
Specialist Purple Zone

- Complete a series of units that interest them
- Add another concentration to their specialization
- Build a minor
What is a **Purple Zone Minor**?

- Sequence of units from a major or specialisation not included in the student’s course schedule
- At least four units approved by the University as building knowledge or understanding in an identified area of interest.
- The area of interest can exist within or across disciplines/areas of study
Double Degrees

• In double degrees the breadth requirement of both courses is foregone and the student completes the depth requirement of the two single degrees.

• In essence the depth requirement of Course A becomes the breadth requirement of Course B and vice-a-versa.
Double degrees

• Student determines combination
• No horse trading
• No additional approval (single degrees already approved)
Postgraduate Curriculum

• Graduate Certificate (AQF Level 8): 40 cp = 4 units
• Graduate Diploma (AQF Level 8): 80 cp = 8 units
• Masters by Coursework (AQF Level 9): 80, 120 or 160 cp = 8, 12 or 16 units
• Masters (Extended) (AQF Level 9): at least 200 cp = 20 units
Postgraduate course structure

Red Zone — Depth
Purple Zone — Breadth/Maturity
Magenta Zone — Foundation
Masters & Extended Masters Study Zones

8 units  
(One Year)

12 units  
(1.5 Years)

16 units  
(Two Year)

16 units  
(Two Year) +
Admission Points

8 units (One Year)

Hold a cognate merit-based honours (AQF 8), Graduate Diploma (AQF 8) or HDR degree

OR

Hold two of the following three criteria:

• A cognate bachelor’s degree (AQF 7)
• Approved informal and/or non-formal prior learning
• Bachelor’s degree (cognate or non-cognate) of an MQ equivalent a credit average (+65)
Admission Requirements

Hold a cognate bachelor’s degree (AQF 7)
OR
Hold a non-cognate bachelor’s degree (AQF 7) and one of the following criteria:

- Approved informal and non-formal prior learning
- Performance in their non-cognate bachelor’s degree of an MQ equivalent of a credit average (+65)
Admission Requirements

Hold a non-cognate bachelor’s degree (AQF 7)

16 units
(Two Year)
Admission Requirements

16 units (Two Year) +

As set by the course authority and in compliance with AQF volume of learning standards
Admission Points

A Course Authority can decide at which volume of learning levels a Course will be offered (80, 120, 160+cp)
Horizontal Doubles

Outside any University mandated exclusions students may choose to enroll in any combination of double postgraduate Masters degree for which they are qualified to enroll.
Horizontal Doubles

BA with major in cartooning = 120 unit admission point

Astro Cartooning
- Red Zone 8 units
- Purple Zone 4 units

Anime Studies
- Red Zone 8 units
- Purple Zone 4 units

Astro + Anime = Masters of Astro Cartooning
= Masters of Anime Studies
Horizontal Doubles

8 unit admission point for Astro-Cartooning
12 unit admission point for Deep Space Time Travel
Postgraduate micro-credentials, micro-courses, and continuing professional development
We move to 10 cp

1 cp = 15 hours of activity
We offer 1 to 5 cp (15-75 hr) MicroCourse Units
6 x 6 week semester

Student does not have to enrol in a course to complete a unit

Takes a qualification when they have earned it

Master of Studies option