

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



Generalist Degree

- 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

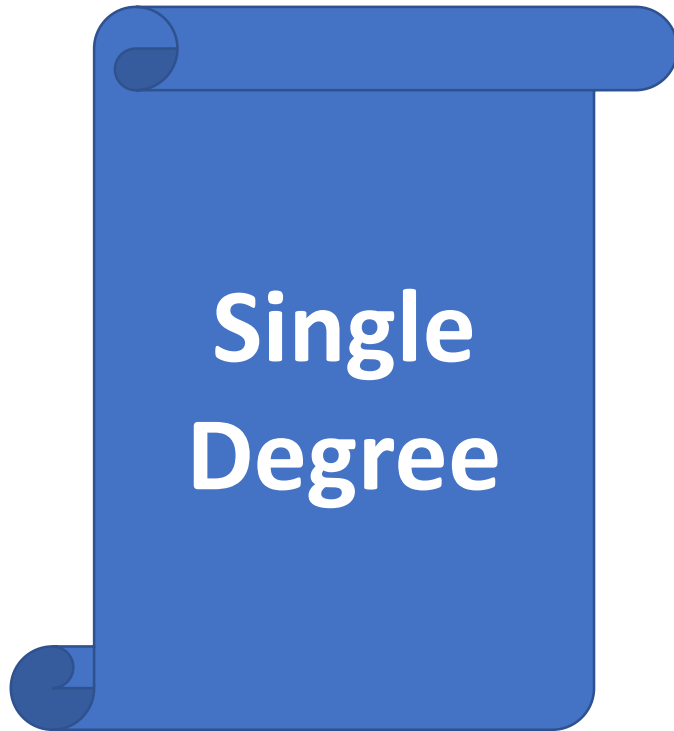


- More specialised study in a discipline or professional area
 - 240cp - 24 units; 3 yrs
 - 320cp - 32 units, 4 yrs
 - AQF 7 or 8

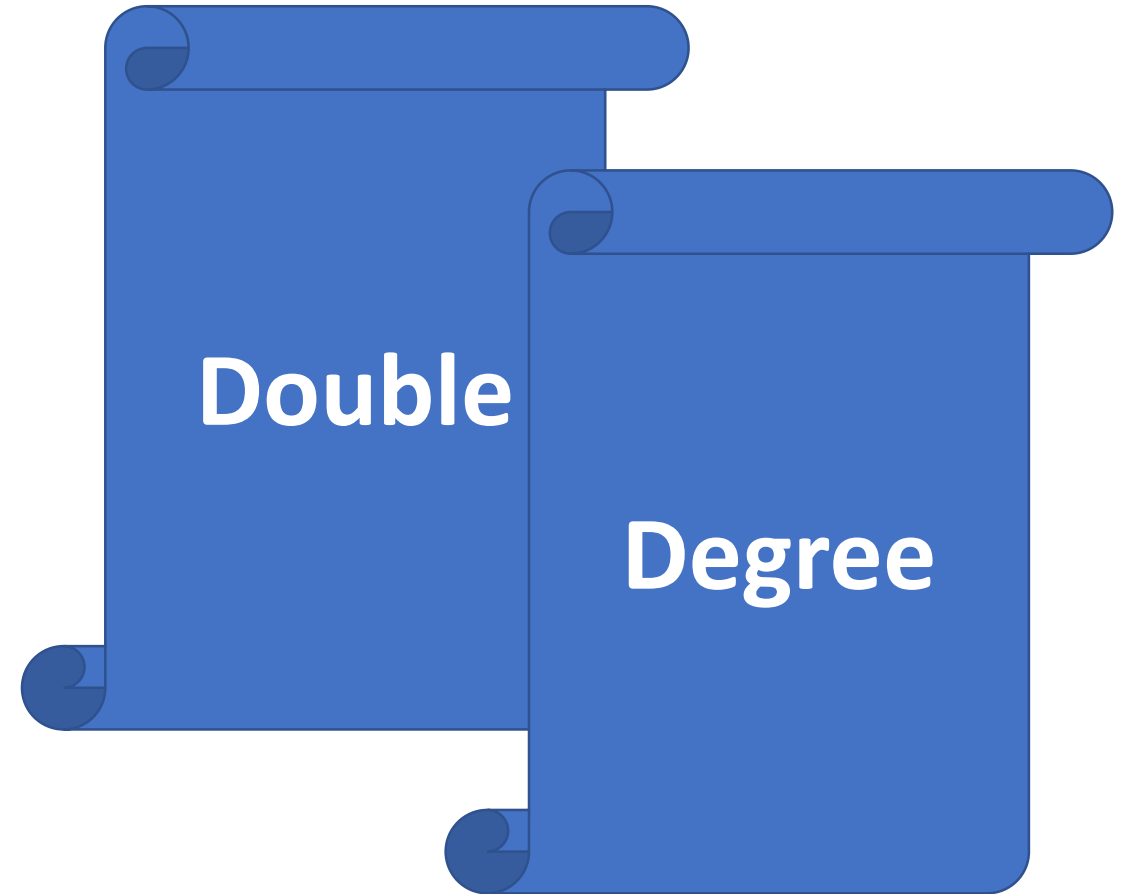
Examples

Bachelor of Actuarial Studies
Bachelor of Psychology (Hons)

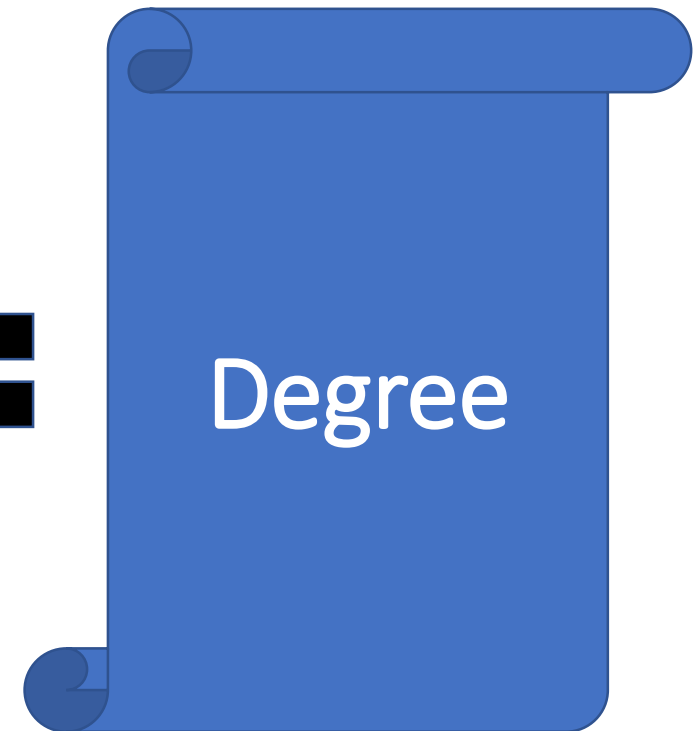
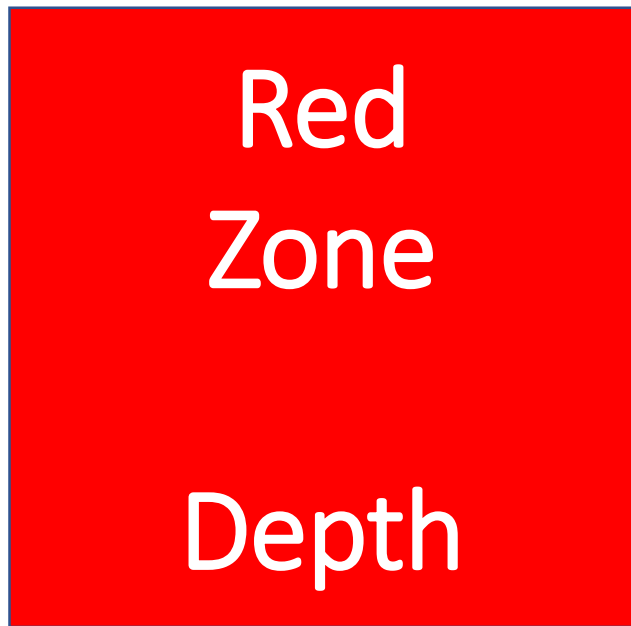
These degrees be undertaken in
one of two ways



OR



MQ Undergraduate Degrees
are divided into two “study zones”



The Red Zone (Depth)

The university decides what is in
A student's red zone

Purple Zone (Breadth)

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



Specialist Degrees



Red Zone requirements

Depth

- 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)

Generalist Degree **Red Zone**



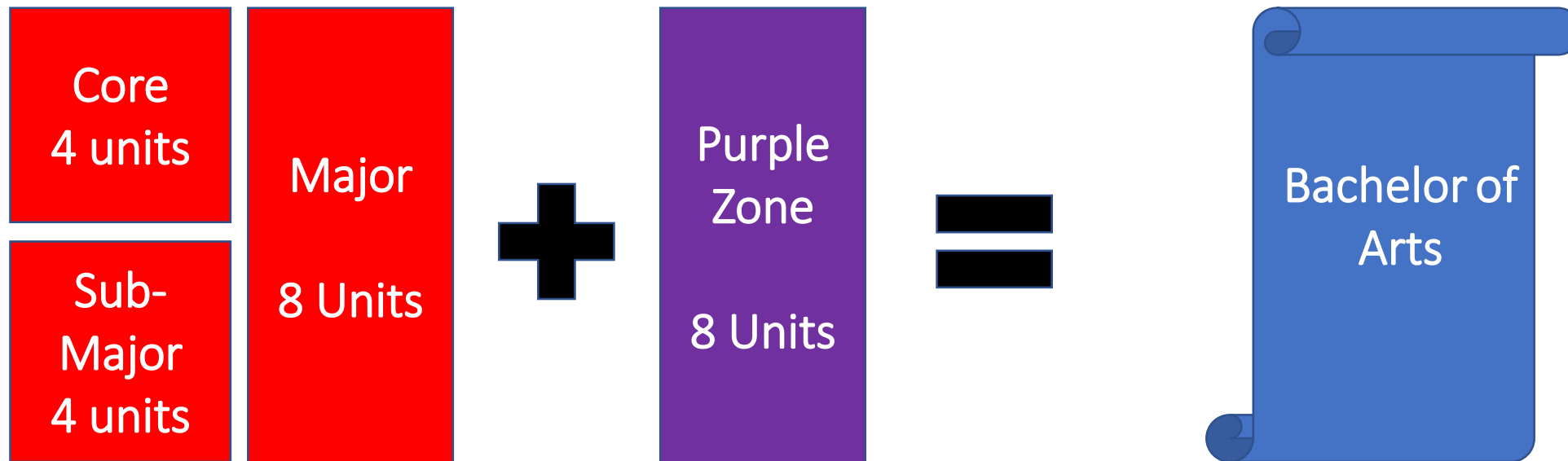
Major

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



Specialist degree **Red Zone**



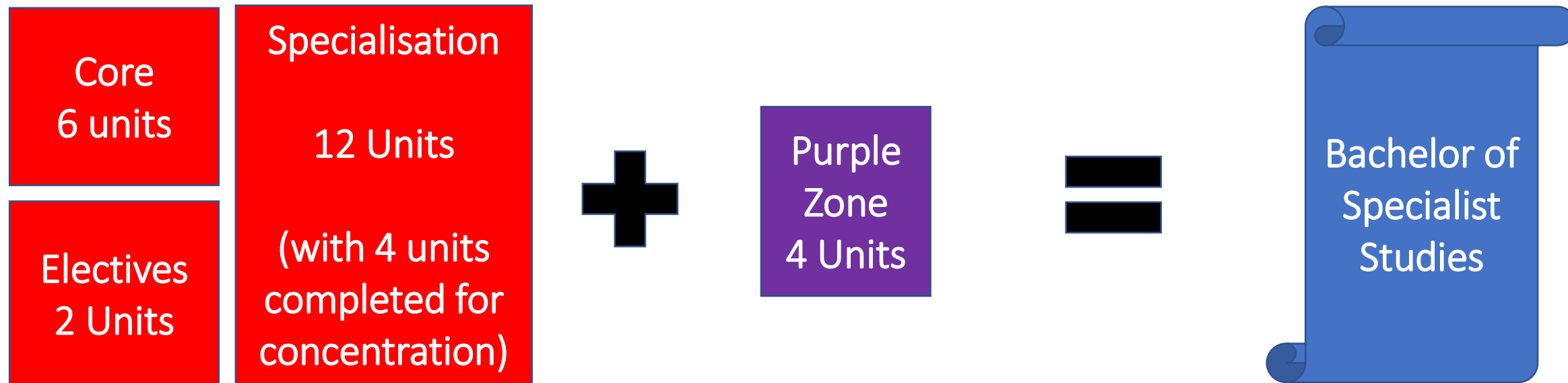
Specialisation

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

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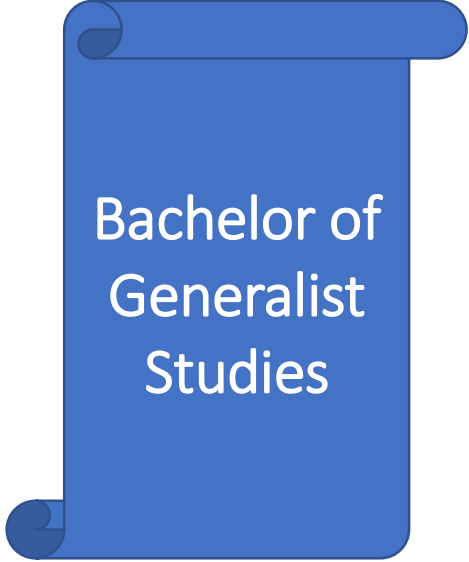


Capstone & PACE

- **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



Bachelor of
Generalist
Studies

Red zone – specialisation size

- Specialisations: 120^+ cp = 12^+ units



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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



Breadth



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Specialist Purple Zone

- Complete a series of units that interest them
- Add another concentration to their specialization
- Build a minor

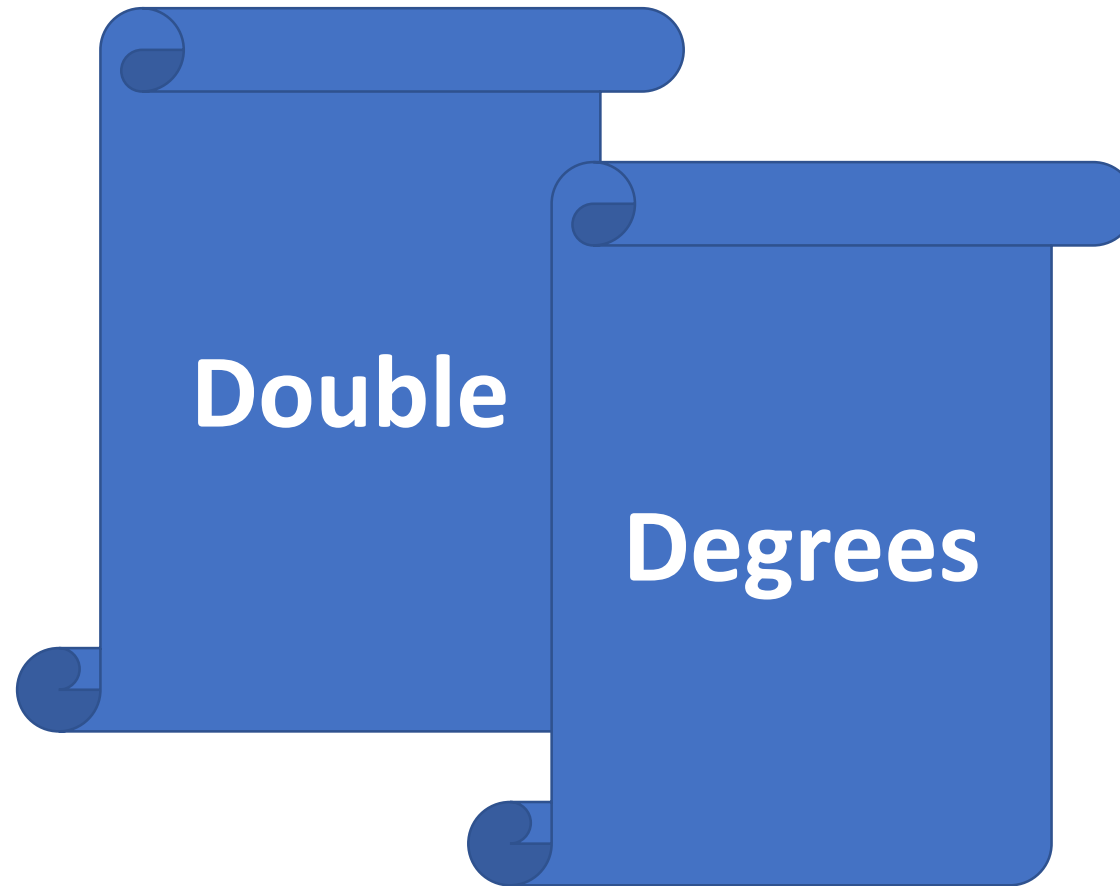


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What is a Purple Zone Minor?

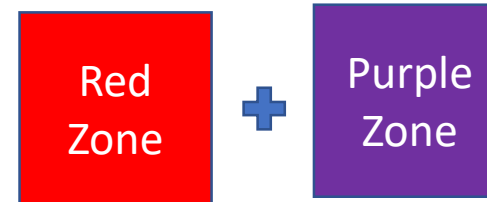
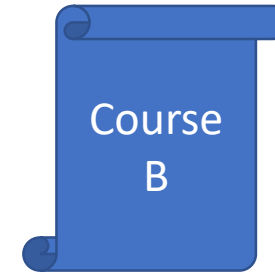
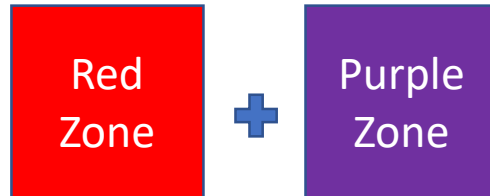
- Sequence of units from a major or specialisation not included in the student's course schedule
- At least four units approved by the University as building knowledge or understanding in an identified area of interest.
- The area of interest can exist within or across disciplines/areas of study

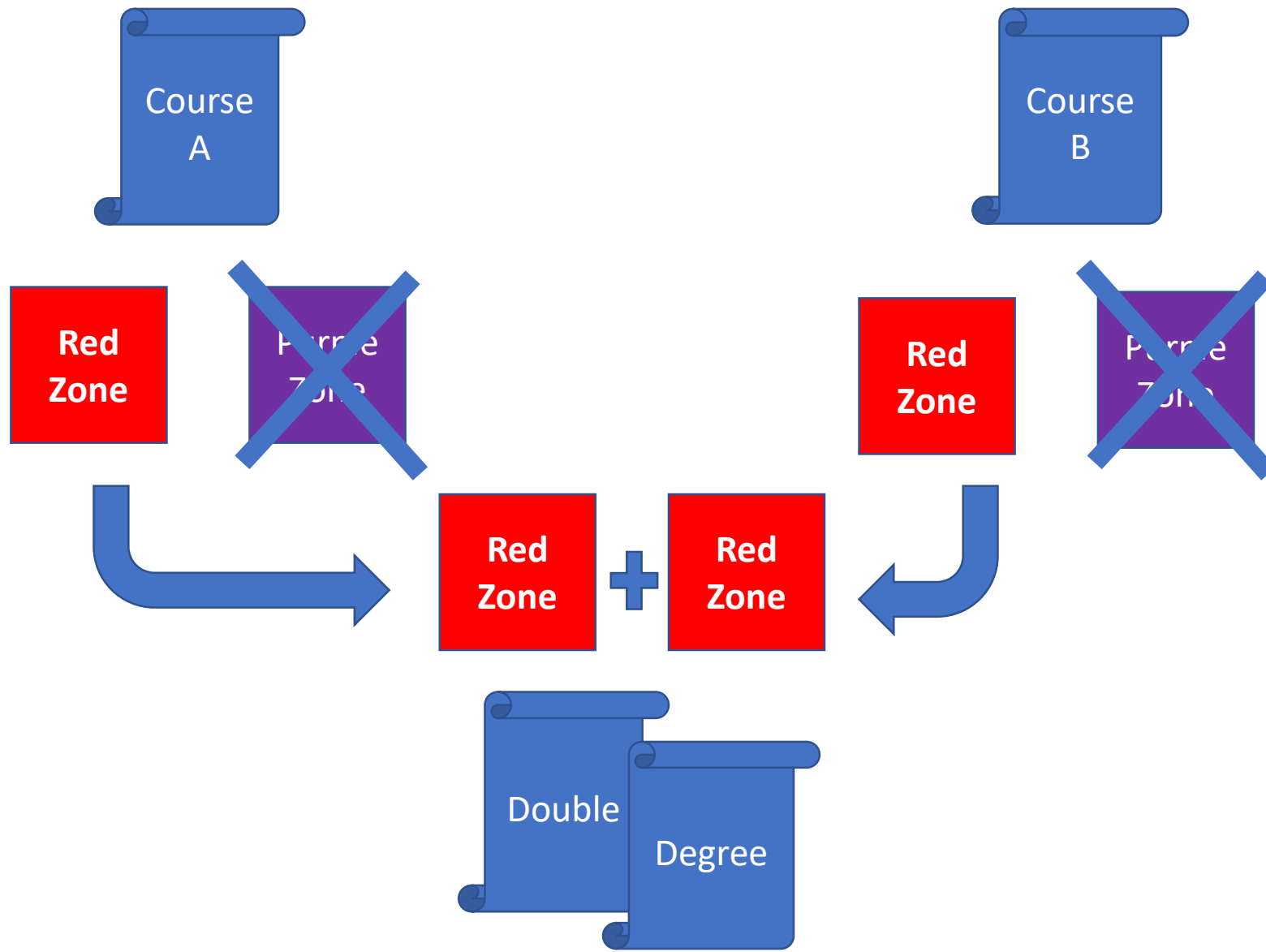
Double Degrees



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



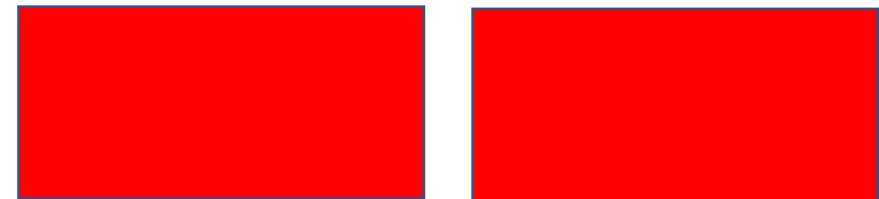
8 units
(One Year)



12 units
(1.5 Years)



16 units
(Two Year)



16 units
(Two Year) +

Admission Points

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)



8 units
(One Year)

Admission Requirements



12 units
(1.5 Years)

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)

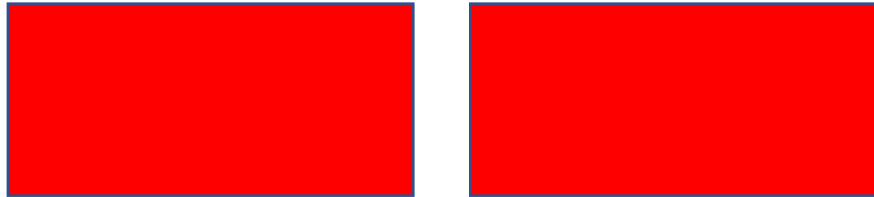
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Hold a non-cognate
bachelor's degree (AQF 7)

Admission Requirements



16 units
(Two Year) +

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

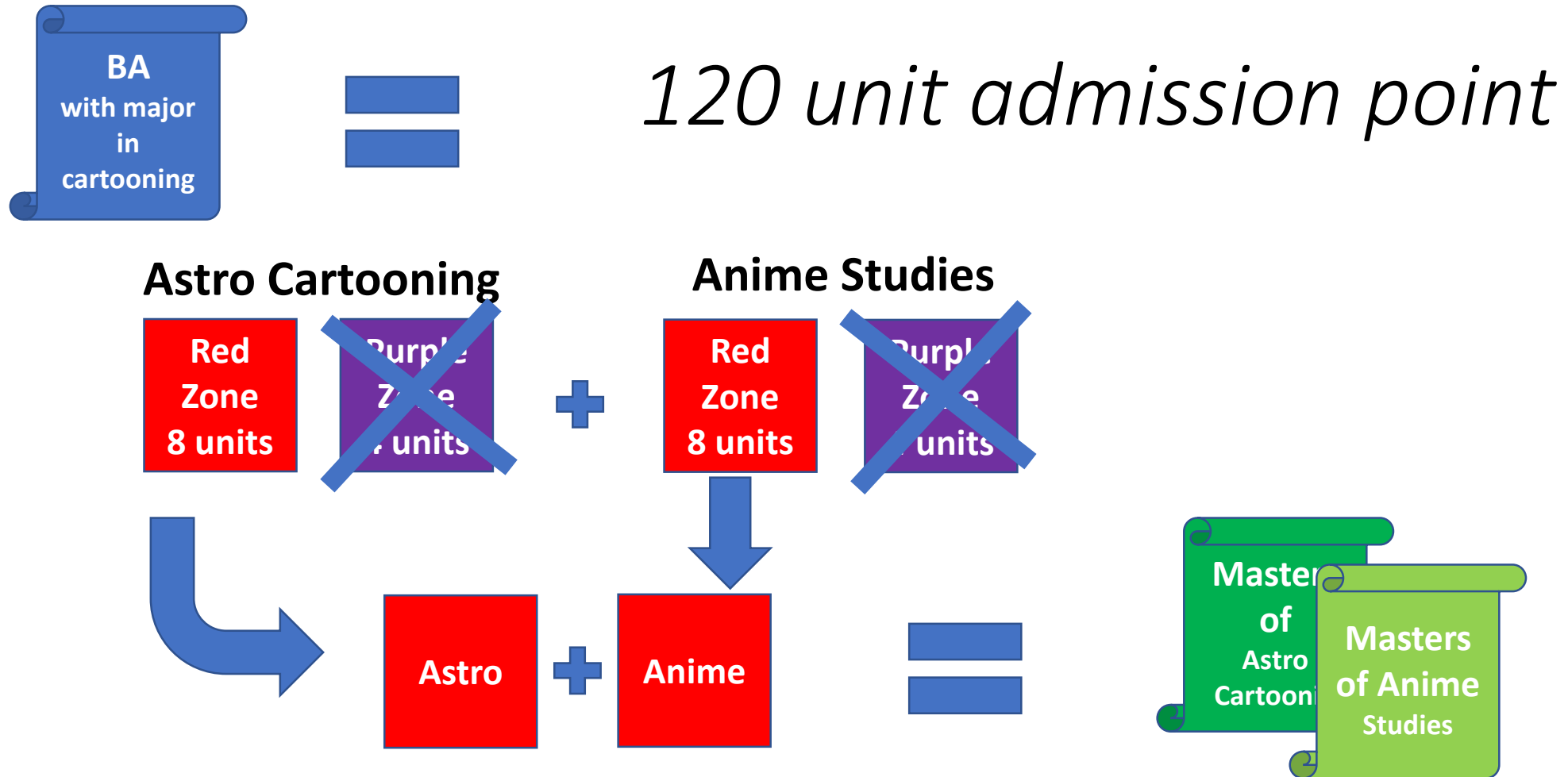
Admission Points

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

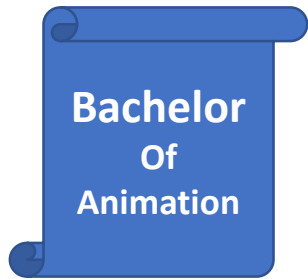
Horizontal Doubles

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



Horizontal Doubles



8 unit admission point for Astro-Cartooning
12 unit admission point for Deep Space Time Travel

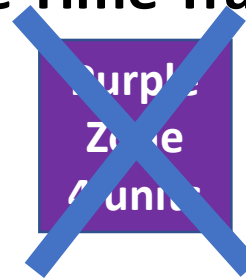
Astro Cartooning

Red
Zone
8 units



Deep Space Time Travel

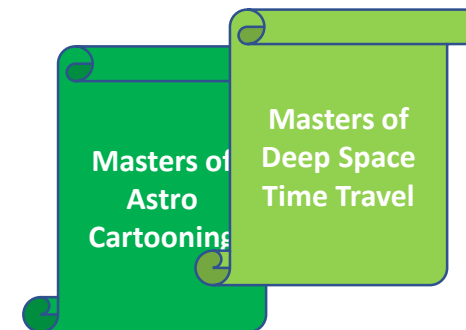
Red
Zone
8 units



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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