

## Course specification

### Associate degrees

1. These Specifications apply to the Associate degrees listed in Schedule A. These specifications shall take effect on 1 January 2009 and shall apply to all candidates for the Associate degrees listed in Schedule A.
2. Candidates for the Associate degrees shall be admitted in accordance with Rule 3 Admission and Student Progress.
3. Candidates for the degrees shall complete the degree requirements in not more than the degree maximum, which will be twice the course length and one additional year. The maximum completion time will be calculated from the commencement of the first unit which is passed and which counts towards the degree requirements.

#### 4. Degree requirements

- 4.1 Requirements for Associate degrees comprise 16 units within a nominal degree length of 2 years.

#### 4.2 Required units

	Unit numbers and levels		
Associate Degree model	Foundation	Introductory	Intermediate
General	4	8	4
Specialist	-	8-10	6-8

The ranges in unit numbers accommodate choice in the levels of units in the degree electives and student electives only.

#### 5. Degree models

- 5.1 There will be two Associate degree models: General and Specialist, which are defined by the combination of modules and electives of the units.

A **minor** module is comprised of 4 units: 2 introductory and 2 intermediate;

**degree elective** units are those chosen from a schedule provided by the faculty;

**student elective** units are those selected by candidates from any available units in which they are qualified to enrol.

The models are identified in the relevant schedule together with details of the availability of modules and units.

## **5.2 General degree**

The 16 units of a General Associate degree will comprise: 4 foundation units, two minors and 4 student elective units. Progression to the minors and student electives is subject to successful completion of all 4 foundation units.

## **5.3 Specialist degree**

The 16 units of a Specialist Associate degree will comprise two minors, 6 degree electives and 2 student elective units.

## **6. Enrolment conditions**

**6.1** Enrolment in all units will be in accordance with requisites determined by the relevant Faculty.

**6.2** When two or more units of the same name or content are offered within the University, only one may be counted towards the degree.

## **7. Enrolment exemption - credit for previous studies**

Passes in units in other incomplete courses in this University or another approved tertiary institution (or other approved professional examining body) may be credited towards the degree and a course plan developed to detail the units required by the student to qualify for the degree. The maximum credit granted will be in accordance with the limits as stated in Rule 3 Admission and Student Progress.

## **8. Transition**

Students who have passed units towards associate degrees under the previous specifications will be entitled to transfer to the degrees under these specifications with full equivalent credit. The transition for continuing students to these specifications will be managed to ensure that students are not disadvantaged.