



Graduate Attributes Policy

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In developing this policy the University had regard to the provisions of section 40B(1)(b) of the Human Rights Act 2004 (ACT).

PURPOSE:

1. This Policy lists the skills and attributes the University of Canberra (UC) expects its graduates to develop during their course of study.

SCOPE:

2. Graduate attributes 1 to 3 apply to coursework courses approved by Academic Board prior to 3 June 2020.
3. Graduate attributes 1 to 4 apply to new or revised coursework courses approved by Academic Board with effect from 3 June 2020.
4. Graduate attributes 1 to 4 apply to all coursework courses with effect from 5 June 2023.

PRINCIPLE:

5. Students in UC courses acquire a body of professional and disciplinary knowledge, technical and information literacy skills, and a set of appropriate professional attitudes. At the heart of these learning outcomes are the generic attributes we have identified as essential for our graduates.
6. Effective professional practice requires the ability to integrate course-specific skills and knowledge, and generic skills and knowledge.
7. Development of the graduate attributes takes place in all courses in ways that reflect the qualification level and type, and the character of the particular discipline and professional field.
8. Students' develop graduate attributes through curriculum design, including assessment design.

The University of Canberra provides a high-quality, innovative educational experience. Our courses are designed to equip our graduates to be leaders of their profession, to be outward-looking global citizens and to value lifelong learning.

1. **UC graduates are professional.** UC graduates can:
 - 1.1. employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills;
 - 1.2. communicate effectively;
 - 1.3. use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems;
 - 1.4. work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict;
 - 1.5. display initiative and drive, and use their organisation skills to plan and manage their workload;
 - 1.6. take pride in their professional and personal integrity.
2. **UC graduates are global citizens.** UC graduates can:
 - 2.1. think globally about issues in their profession;
 - 2.2. adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries;
 - 2.3. understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures;
 - 2.4. communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings;
 - 2.5. make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives;
 - 2.6. behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.
3. **UC graduates are lifelong learners.** UC graduates can:
 - 3.1. reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development;
 - 3.2. be self-aware;
 - 3.3. adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas;
 - 3.4. evaluate and adopt new technology.
4. **UC graduates are able to demonstrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing.** UC graduates can:
 - 4.1. use local Indigenous histories and traditional ecological knowledge to develop and augment understanding of their discipline;
 - 4.2. communicate and engage with Indigenous Australians in ethical and culturally respectful ways;
 - 4.3. apply their knowledge to working with Indigenous Australians in socially just ways.

LEGISLATION:

External governing legislation

- [Australian Qualifications Framework, Second Edition](#)
- [Higher Education Standards Framework \(Threshold Standards\) 2021](#), established under the [Tertiary](#)

University of Canberra governing legislation

- [University of Canberra Act 1989 \(ACT\)](#)
- [University of Canberra \(Courses & Awards\) Statute 2010](#)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

University of Canberra rules

- [University of Canberra Courses & Awards \(Courses of Study\) Rules 2013](#)
- [University of Canberra Conferring of Awards Rules 2013](#)

Key University of Canberra policies and procedures

- [Course Policy](#)
- [Course Delivery by Third Party Provider Policy](#)
- [Course Delivery by Third Party Provider Procedure](#)
- [Delegations of Authority Policy](#)
- Third Party Providers Agreements and Operations Manual