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ASCED CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT DISCIPLINES POLICY

Purpose/ Objectives	This policy supports the correct classification of subject disciplines under the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED). Correct classification is critically important because the University's funding is directly related to the ASCED codes of subjects.
Scope/ Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all campuses • all programs • all staff involved in the creation of units
Policy Statement	<p>All new and revised units must have expert academic input into the assignment of discipline codes (ASCED codes).</p> <p>The appropriate ASCED code of any new subject must be agreed to by the Director, Academic Services before a subject is given final approval by a Faculty Board.</p> <p>All new and revised subjects must be assessed for quality assurance and compliance using the principles outlined in the ASCED Classification of Subject Disciplines Procedures and the ASCED Classification of Subject Disciplines Guidelines. It is recognised that, on rare occasions, the assigning of ASCED codes to subjects will not be supported by this framework. Any deviations from the framework must be appropriately documented and accountability trails established for audit purposes.</p>
Supporting Procedures	ASCED Classification of Subject Disciplines Procedures
Responsibility for Implementation	Registrars
Responsibility for Monitoring Implementation and Compliance	Director, Academic Services
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Key stakeholders	Deans Academic Committee Director, Academic Services

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Initiating Body or Person(s)	Director, Academic Services
Definitions	ASCED: Australian Standard Classification for Education; a national statistical classification for use in the collection and analysis of data on educational activity and attainment.
Related Legislation	Higher Education Support Act 2003 (HESA) Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines
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