Academic Awards

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## **1.0 Purpose**

This schedule forms part of the University’s Academic Awards and Graduation policy. The Schedule identifies abbreviations for the qualification type and field of study. Shortened forms of the program and award title may be used, in accordance with this Schedule, by using the abbreviation for the qualification type and the field of study together.

## **2.0 Scope**

This Schedule applies to all programs awarded by the University.

## **3.0 Schedule**

Abbreviations of the program and award title may be used by the University to promote and market the qualification or by Griffith graduates as postnominals. Postnominals using in combination the abbreviation for the qualification type and the field of study are usually placed immediately following the graduate’s title and name.

### **Qualification type**

The qualification type abbreviations listed below are those approved and in use at the University.

| QUALIFICATION TYPE  | ABBREVIATION  |
| --- | --- |
| Doctor of Philosophy  | PhD  |
| Doctor of Philosophy by Prior Publication | PhDPriorPub |
| Doctor of field of study  | D  |
| Doctor of field of study [Masters (Extended)]  | D  |
| Master of Philosophy  | MPhil  |
| Master of field of study  | M  |
| Graduate Diploma of field of study  | GDip  |
| Graduate Certificate in field of study  | GCert  |
| Bachelor of field of study with Honours  | B (Hons)  |
| Bachelor of field of study  | B  |
| Associate Degree in field of study  | AssocDeg  |
| Advanced Diploma of field of study  | AdvDip  |
| Diploma of field of study  | Dip  |
| Undergraduate Certificate  | UCert  |

###  **Abbreviation for Griffith University**

The accepted abbreviation for Griffith University is ‘Griff’. For example: I M Cheng, BA Griff.

###  **Field of study abbreviations**

The abbreviations listed below are those approved and in use at the University. To achieve consistency in abbreviations, the standard abbreviations listed below should be used. Exceptions to the table may be adopted on grounds of common usage (e.g. MBA for Master of Business Administration) or aesthetics. Where an exception exists the term is marked with an \*.

| **FIELD OF STUDY ABBREVIATIONS** |
| --- |
| A |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **A**  | [Art / Arts\*](#AppExcep)  |
| **Acc**  | Accounting  |
| **Act** | Acting |
| **Acute** | Acute |
| **Ad**  | Adult  |
| **Adapt** | Adaptation |
| **Admin** | [Administration\*](#AppExcep)  |
| **Adv** | Advertising  |
| **Advanced** | Advanced |
| **Analysis** | Analysis |
| **Analytics** | **Analytics** |
| **Airport** | Airport |
| **Anim** | Animation |
| **App** | Applied  |
| **Arch** | Architecture / Architectural |
| **As** | [Asian / Asia\*](#AppExcep)  |
| **Aud** | Audio  |
| **Aural** | Aural  |
| **Aus**  | Australian |
| **Auslan** | Auslan |
| **Autism** | Autism |
| **Avn** | Aviation  |
| B |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Beh**  | Behaviour/Behavioural  |
| **Biol** | Biology |
| **Biomed**  | Biomedical  |
| **Biomol** | Biomolecular |
| **Biotech**  | Biotechnology  |
| **Build** | Building |
| **Bus**  | [Business\*](#AppExcep)  |
| C |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **C**  | Community  |
| **Care**  | Care  |
| **Career** | Career |
| **Case** | Case |
| **Chain** | Chain |
| **Chg** | Change |
| **Chi**  | Child / Childhood |
| **Circ** | Circular |
| **Civil** | Civil |
| **Cl** | [Clinical\*](#Clin)  |
| **Clim** | Climate |
| **Class** | Classics |
| **Coach** | Coaching |
| **Com** | Commerce  |
| **Comm**  | [Communication\*](#Comn)  |
| **Comp**  | Computer / Computing  |
| **Con**  | Conservation  |
| **Cond**  | Conducting  |
| **Cons** | Construction |
| **Cont** | Control |
| **Contemp**  | Contemporary |
| **Couns**  | Counselling  |
| **Crim** | [Crime\*](#CCJ) |
| **Crisis** | Crisis |
| **Ctve** | Creative |
| **Crit**  | Critical  |
| **Cult** | Cultural |
| **Cyb** | Cyber |
| D |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Data** | Data |
| **Dent** | Dental / Dentistry |
| **Des** | Design |
| **Dev** | [Development\*](#Development) |
| **Diet**  | Dietetics  |
| **Digital** | Digital |
| **Dis**  | Disability / Disabled  |
| **Dispute** | Dispute |
| **Drama** | Drama |
| E |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Early** | Early |
| **Ec** | Economics  |
| **Econ** | Economy |
| **Ecol** | Ecological / Ecology |
| **Ed**  | Education / Educational  |
| **Elec**  | Electronic  |
| **Emerg**  | Emergency  |
| **Emp**  | Employment  |
| **Energy** | Energy |
| **Eng**  | [Engineering\*](#AppExcep)  |
| **English** | English |
| **Ens**  | Ensemble  |
| **Ent**  | Enterprise  |
| **Entrep** | Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial |
| **Env**  | Environmental  |
| **Event** | Event |
| **Ex**  | Exercise  |
| **Exec**  | Executive  |
| F |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **F**  | Film  |
| **Fam**  | Family  |
| **Fin**  | Finance / Financial |
| **First** | First |
| **Fl**  | Flight  |
| **For** | Forensic |
| **Foundations** | Foundations |
| **Franchising** | Franchising |
| **Futures** | Futures |
| G |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Games** | Games |
| **Global** | Global |
| **Gov** | Governance / Government |
| H |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **H**  | Health |
| **Higher**  | Higher  |
| **Hist** | Historical |
| **Ho**  | Hotel  |
| **Hosp**  | Hospitality  |
| **Hu**  | [Human\*](#HRM)  |
| **Hyg** | Hygiene |
| I |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **I** | [Industrial\*](#IR) / Industries  |
| **Indig** | Indigenous |
| **Inf**  | [Information\*](#IT) / Informatics |
| **Infec** | Infection |
| **Inj** | Injury |
| **Innov** | Innovation |
| **Ins** | Instruction |
| **Int** | International  |
| **Intel** | Intelligent |
| **Interact** | Interactive |
| **Integrated** | Integrated |
| **Intervention** | Intervention |
| **Invest** | Investment / Investments |
| **IoT** | Internet of Things |
| J |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Jour**  | Journalism  |
| **Juridicial** | Juridicial |
| K |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Key**  | Key / Keyboard  |
| L |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **L**  | [Language / Languages\*](#AppExcep) |
| **Lab** | Laboratory |
| **Law**  | Law  |
| **Lead** | Leadership |
| **Learn**  | Learning  |
| **Legal** | [Legal\*](#AppExcep) |
| **Leis**  | Leisure  |
| **Ling**  | [Linguistics\*](#AppExcep) |
| **Lit**  | Literacy, Literature, Literary |
| **LL** | Laws |
| **Log** | Logistics |
| M |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **M** | [Medicine\*](#MBBS)  |
| **Mar / Marine** | [Marine](#Marine)\* |
| **Mark** | Marketing |
| **Mass**  | Mass  |
| **Mat** | Materials |
| **Maternity** | Maternity |
| **Me** | Media  |
| **Med** | Medical |
| **Ment**  | Mental  |
| **Mgt**  | [Management\*](#HRM)  |
| **Microb**  | Microbiology  |
| **Mid**  | Midwifery  |
| **Middle** | Middle |
| **Migration** | Migration |
| **Mm**  | Multimedia  |
| **Mo** | Mobility |
| **Mus**  | [Music / Musical\* / Musicianship](#AppExcep) |
| **Musculoskeletal** | Musculoskeletal |
| N |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **N**  | Nursing  |
| **Nan** | Nanoscience |
| **Needs**  | Needs |
| **Netw** | Network |
| **Nutr**  | Nutrition  |
| O |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Occ**  | Occupational |
| **Oral** | Oral |
| **Org**  | Organisation / Organisational |
| **Or** | Orientation |
| P |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Paed** | Paediatric |
| **Pall** | Palliative |
| **Paramed** | Paramedicine |
| **Ped**  | Pedagogy  |
| **Peoples** | Peoples |
| **Personal** | Personal |
| **PcolTox** | Pharmacology and Toxicology |
| **Pharm** | Pharmacy  |
| **Pharmaceut** | Pharmaceutical |
| **Phil**  | Philosophy / Philosophical |
| **Phot** | Photonics |
| **Photo**  | Photography  |
| **Phty**  | Physiotherapy  |
| **Physiol**  | Physiology  |
| **Plan**  | Planning  |
| **Pol** | Police/Policing |
| **Policy** | Policy |
| **Politics** | Politics |
| **Pollution** | Pollution |
| **Pop**  | Popular  |
| **Pr**  | Production  |
| **Prac**  | Practice  |
| **Prev** | Prevention |
| **Primary** | Primary |
| **Prior** | Prior |
| **Prof**  | Professional  |
| **Proj**  | Project |
| **Prosthet** | Prosthetics |
| **Psych**  | Psychology / Psychological |
| **Public** | [Public\*](#AppExcep) |
| **Pub** | Publication |
| Q |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| R |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **R**  | [Resource\*](#HRM)  |
| **Rehab**  | Rehabilitation  |
| **Rel**  | [Relations\*](#IR)  |
| **Renew** | Renewable |
| **Res** | Research |
| **Resol** | Resolution |
| **Rural** | Rural |
| S |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **S** | [Surgery\*](#MBBS) |
| **Saf**  | Safety  |
| **Sc**  | [Science\*](#AppExcep) |
| **Scr**  | Screen  |
| **Sec** | Second |
| **Sect**  | Sector  |
| **Security** | Security\* |
| **Serv**  | Service / Services  |
| **Sexual** | Sexual |
| **Soc**  | Social  |
| **Sound** | Sound |
| **Sp**  | [Special\*](#Spec)  |
| **Sport**  | Sport / Sports |
| **St**  | Studies  |
| **Strategic** | Strategic |
| **Suicidology** | Suicidology |
| **Supp** | Supply |
| **Sust**  | Sustainable  |
| **Sys**  | Systems  |
| T |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Teach**  | Teaching  |
| **Tech**  | [Technology\*](#IT)/Technologies |
| **Tert**  | Tertiary  |
| **TESOL** | TESOL |
| **Theatre** | Theatre |
| **Thy** | Therapy |
| **Tour**  | Tourism  |
| **Tox** | Toxicology |
| **Train** | Training |
| U |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Univ**  | University  |
| **Urban** | Urban |
| V |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **V**  | Visual  |
| **Voc**  | Vocational  |
| **Vocal**  | Vocal  |
| W |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **W**  | Water  |
| **Waste**  | Waste  |
| **Wellbeing** | Wellbeing |
| **Wk**  | Work  |
| **World** | World |
| **Writing** | Writing |
| X |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
|  |  |
| Y |
| **Abbreviation** | **Term** |
| **Years** | Years |
| **Youth** | Youth |
| Z |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
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| \*Approved Exceptions to the Listed Abbreviations |
| **AHP** | Academic Health Practice |
| **AsP** | Asia Pacific |
| **BA** | Business Administration |
| **BCybS** | Business Cyber Security |
| **BM** | Business Management |
| **CCJ** | Criminology and Criminal Justice |
| **CIMe** | Creative and Interactive Media |
| **ChHydro** | Catchment Hydrology |
| **ChProc** | Catchment Processes |
| **ChSc** | Catchment Science |
| **Clin** | Clinical |
| **Comn** | Communication (for Bachelor of Communication only) |
| **CSI** | Crime Scene Investigation |
| **FA** | Fine Art |
| **FI** | Fingerprint Investigation |
| **FinA** | Financial Advice |
| **HRM** | Human Resource Management |
| **IA** | Integrity and Anti-Corruption |
| **IR** | Industrial Relations |
| **IT** | Information Technology |
| **JD** | Juris Doctor |
| **LangLing** | Languages and Linguistics |
| **Leg** | Legal |
| **MA** | Musical Arts |
| **Mar** | Marine |
| **MBBS** | Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery |
| **PA** | Public Administration |
| **PH** | Public Health |
| **RehabCounsel** | Rehabilitation Counselling |
| **RotaryW** | Rotary Wing |
| **STEAM** | Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics |
| **STEM** | Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics |
| **Spec** | Special |
| **SpPath** | Speech Pathology |
| **VOT** | Violent Offender Treatment |

### **Previously used field of study abbreviations**

The abbreviations listed below have been approved by the University but currently these abbreviations do not apply to programs taught at the University. Exceptions to the table may have been adopted on grounds of common usage (e.g. MBA for Master of Business Administration) or aesthetics. Where an exception existed the previously used term is marked with an \*.

| **PREVIOUSLY USED FIELD OF STUDY ABBREVIATIONS** |
| --- |
| A |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Aero** | Aerospace |
| **Aged** | Aged |
| **Assessment** | Assessment |
| B |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Bank** | Banking  |
| **Bargaining** | Bargaining |
| **Bioc** | Biochemistry  |
| C |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Cct** | Contact |
| **Ch** | Chinese / China  |
| **Change** | Change |
| **Cnt** | Control |
| **Contact** | Contact |
| **Correctional** | Correctional |
| **Counsel** | Counselling |
| **Cust** | Customer |
| D |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Dia** | Diabetes |
| E |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **E** | [Editing\*](#ECom)  |
| **Echo** | Echocardiography |
| **Elect** | Electoral |
| **Et** | Ethics |
| F |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Flex** | Flexible |
| **Food** | Food |
| **Fundamentals** | Fundamentals |
| G |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **G** | Golf  |
| **Gen** | Genetic / Genetics |
| **Ger** | Gerontology |
| **Grief** | Grief  |
| H |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
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| I |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Im** | Imaging  |
| **Ind** | Indonesian  |
| **Inter** | Internet |
| **Intmed** | Intermediate |
| **Intro** | Introductory |
| **IP** | Intellectual Property |
| J |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **J** | Japanese / Japan |
| K |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **K** | Korean  |
| L |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Land** | Land / Landscape |
| **Liberal** | Liberal |
| **Loss** | Loss |
| **LOTE** | LOTE |
| M |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Microelec** | Microelectronic  |
| **Min** | Ministry |
| **Molec** | Molecular |
| N |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Nat** | Natural  |
| O |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **O** | Outdoor  |
| **Oc** | Occupational |
| **Osteol** | Osteology |
| P |
| **Abbreviation** | **Term** |
| **Perf** | Performance  |
| **Periop** | Perioperative  |
| **Proc** | Processes |
| **Procure** | Procurement |
| **Prom** | Promotion |
| **Pub** | Publishing  |
| Q |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Q** | Quality  |
| R |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Risk** | Risk |
| S |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **S** | Software  |
| **Sch** | School / Schools |
| **Skills** | Skills |
| **Small** | Small |
| **Son** | Sonology  |
| **Str**  | Strings  |
| T |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **T** | [Television\*](#TV) |
| **Thai** | Thai  |
| **Theol** | Theology  |
| **Theory** | Theory |
| **Therapy** | Therapy |
| U |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
|  |  |
| V |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Ven** | Venture |
| **Viet** | Vietnamese |
| **Viol** | Violence |
| **VLSI** | Very Large Scale Integration |
| W |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
| **Wom** | Women's / Women |
| X |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
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| Y |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
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| Z |
| **ABBREVIATION** | **TERM** |
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| \*PREVIOUSLY USED APPROVED EXCEPTIONS TO THE LISTED ABBREVIATIONS |
| **D** | Development (prior to February 2000 this was the abbreviation for Development) |
| **E-Com** | E-Commerce |
| **HRMIR** | Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations |
| **HRD** | Human Resource Development |
| **SSc** | Surgical Science |
| **TV** | Television |
| **TREM** | Tropical Rainforest Ecology and Management |

## **4.0 Definitions**

**Award Abbreviation** - The official abbreviation of the award, as used post-nominally by graduates of the program, e.g. BA, BSc. Award abbreviations are displayed on the Programs and Courses website.

**Award Program** - A program of study leading to an award of the University.

**Award Title** - The formal title of the award granted on completion of a program, e.g. Bachelor of Arts.

**Program Title** - The program title comprises the level of the award followed by the area of study. Protocols for program titles are set out in Academic Awards, Programs, Nomenclature and Abbreviations.

## **5.0 Information**

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| Title | Academic Awards Schedule |
| Document number | 2023/0000374 |
| Purpose | This schedule forms part of the University’s Academic Awards and Graduation policy. The Schedule identifies abbreviations for the qualification type and field of study. |
| Audience | Staff |
| Category | Academic |
| Subcategory | Learning and Teaching |
| Approval date | 20 July 2023 |
| Effective date | Trimester 1 2024 |
| Review date | 2028 |
| Policy advisor | Senior Manager, Student Credentials |
| Approving authority | Provost |

## **6.0 Policy Documents and Supporting Documents**

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| --- | --- |
| Australian Government Legislation and Policy | [Australian Qualifications Framework 2013](https://www.aqf.edu.au/publication/aqf-second-edition)[Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2022C00105)[National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L01182) |
| Policy | [Academic Awards and Graduations Policy](https://sharepointpubstor.blob.core.windows.net/policylibrary-prod/Academic%20Awards%20and%20Graduations%20Policy.pdf)[Program and Course Policy](https://sharepointpubstor.blob.core.windows.net/policylibrary-prod/Program%20and%20Course%20Policy.pdf)[Higher Degree by Research Policy](https://sharepointpubstor.blob.core.windows.net/policylibrary-prod/Higher%20Degree%20by%20Research%20Policy.pdf) |
| Procedure | [Academic Awards Procedure](https://sharepointpubstor.blob.core.windows.net/policylibrary-prod/Academic%20Awards%20Procedure.pdf)[Academic Records Procedure](https://sharepointpubstor.blob.core.windows.net/policylibrary-prod/Academic%20Records%20Procedure.pdf)[Graduations Procedure](https://sharepointpubstor.blob.core.windows.net/policylibrary-prod/Graduations%20Procedure.pdf)[Program Attributes and Requirements Procedure](https://sharepointpubstor.blob.core.windows.net/policylibrary-prod/Program%20Attributes%20and%20Requirements%20Procedure.pdf)[Qualifications Procedure](https://sharepointpubstor.blob.core.windows.net/policylibrary-prod/Qualifications%20Procedure.pdf) |