Award Nomenclature Guideline

Introduction

(1) La Trobe University has approved standard nomenclature for all awards granted by the University. Approved award titles are used in all official certification for those awards, including academic transcripts, testamurs and Australian Higher Education Graduation Statements.

(2) This guideline describes the standard nomenclature to be used for all types of La Trobe University awards recognised within the Australian Qualifications Framework. It should be read in conjunction with the La Trobe Course Architecture.

Nomenclature requirements for all awards

(3) All award titles will reflect:

a. the level of the award, according to the level in the Australian Qualifications Framework; and

b. the broad field of study, discipline or generic area.

Nomenclature requirements

(4) Undergraduate Exploratory Course titles will include a tag that denotes the cognate major area or areas of study.

(5) Undergraduate Specialist Course titles will include the name of the discipline.

(6) Postgraduate Structured Courses titles will include the name of the discipline.

(7) Postgraduate Semi-structured Courses titles will include a tag that denotes the chosen specialisation.

(8) Postgraduate Flexible Course titles will not include a tag.

Sub-degree

Permitted forms	Examples
Undergraduate Certificate in/of* [discipline]	Undergraduate Certificate in Business Undergraduate Certificate in Arts
Diploma in/of* [discipline]	Diploma in Business Diploma of Arts
Associate Degree in [discipline]	Associate Degree in Network Technology

*in/of varies by course

Bachelor degree: Exploratory course

Permitted forms	Examples
Bachelor of [field of study] (Cognate Major)	Bachelor of Business (Financial Planning)
Bachelor of [field of study] (Double Cognate Major)	Bachelor of Business (Accounting and Marketing)

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Bachelor degree: Specialist course

Permitted forms	Examples
Bachelor of [specialist descriptor]	Bachelor of Nursing

Honours exploratory degree

Permitted forms	Examples
Bachelor of [field of study] (Honours)	Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Bachelor of [field of study] (Cognate Major) (Honours)	Bachelor of Business (Financial Planning) (Honours)
Bachelor of [field of study] (Double Cognate Major) (Honours)	Bachelor of Business (Accounting and Marketing) (Honours)

Honours specialist degree

Permitted forms	Examples
Bachelor of [specialist descriptor] (Honours)	Bachelor of Nursing (Honours)

Graduate Certificates and Diplomas

Permitted forms	Examples
Graduate Certificate in [specialisation]	Graduate Certificate in Financial Risk Management
Graduate Diploma in [field of study]	Graduate Diploma in Midwifery

Master's degree by coursework: Structured course

Permitted forms	Examples
Master of [field of study]	Master of Primary Teaching Master of Clinical Audiology

Master's degree by coursework: Semi-structured course

Permitted forms	Examples
Master of [field of study] (Specialisation)	Master of Management (Supply Chain and Logistics) Master of Cybersecurity (Computer Science)

Master's degree by coursework: Flexible course

Permitted forms	Examples
Master of [generic area]	Master of Professional Studies Master of Business

Master's degree by research

Permitted forms	Examples
Master of [specialisation] OR [field of study]	Master of Planning Master of Arts

Juris Doctor degree

Permitted forms	Examples
Juris Doctor (for Legal Practice only)	Juris Doctor

Professional doctoral degree

Permitted forms	Examples
Doctor of [field of study]	Doctor of Nursing
Doctor of [field of study] (specialisation)	Doctor of Clinical Science (Family Therapy)

Doctor of Philosophy and other doctoral degrees

Permitted forms	Examples
Doctor of [nomenclature]	Doctor of Philosophy

Higher Doctoral Degrees

Permitted forms	Examples
Doctor of [nomenclature]	Doctor of Laws Doctor of Letters Doctor of Science