

A Awards of the University**A1 Principles**

- A1.1 The University offers the major awards listed in section A2; other awards may be added as approved by Academic Board, and subject to programme validation.
- A1.2 The University offers awards under licence and in partnership with professional bodies such as the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (ACCA) and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).
- A1.3 The University has the capacity to offer dual awards in conjunction with other institutions, or programmes leading entirely to awards of other institutions or awarding bodies, under specific validation arrangements.
- A1.4 Honorary awards are conferred in recognition of achievement by individuals of significant distinction. These awards are not and should not be compared with academic qualifications.

A2 Major Awards

Undergraduate Awards	
Advanced Diploma	AdvDip
Bachelor of Arts	BA
Bachelor of Education	BEd
Bachelor of Engineering	BEng
Bachelor of Laws	LLB
Bachelor of Osteopathy	BOst
Bachelor of Science	BSc
Bachelors Advanced Diploma	BadDip
Certificate in Education	CertEd
Certificate of Higher Education	CertHE
Diploma of Higher Education	DipHE
Diploma of Higher Education in Legal Studies	DipHE
Foundation Degree Arts	FdA
Foundation Degree Engineering	FdEng
Foundation Degree Science	FdSc
Professional Graduate Diploma	PgrDip

Postgraduate Awards	
Postgraduate Certificate in Education	PGCE
Postgraduate Certificate in Education	iPGCE
Postgraduate Certificate	PGCert
Postgraduate Diploma	PGDip
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education	PrGCE
Integrated Masters*	MSubject
Master of Arts	MA
Master of Business Administration	MBA
Master of Business Research Methods	MRes
Master of Design	MDes
Master of Education	MEd
Master of Law	MLaw
Master of Laws	LLM
Master of Research	MRes
Master of Science	MSc
Master of Ministry	MMin
Master of Philosophy	MPhil
Master of Professional Practice	MPr
Master of Public Health	MPH
Master's Advanced Diploma	MAdvD

*** Integrated Masters Awards currently approved titles:**

MDes Master of Design, MHist Master of History, MLaw Masters of Law
MLit Master of Literature, MSci Master of Science, MSoc Master of Sociology
MEng Master of Engineering

Higher Doctorate Awards	
Doctor of Engineering	DEng
Doctor of Laws	LLD
Doctor of Letters	DLitt
Doctor of Science	DSc
Doctor of Technology	DTech

Professional Doctorate Awards	
Doctor of Education	EdD
Doctor of Health and Social Care	DHSc
Doctor of Ministry/Religious Care	DMin
Doctor of Pharmacy	DPhar

Doctor of Psychotherapy	DPsy
Doctor of Professional Practice	DProf

Doctorate Awards	
Doctor of Philosophy	PhD

A2.1 Students receive certification on completion of the full award for which they are registered. Where students terminate their studies or transfer to a different programme before they have completed, certification will be issued for the highest intermediate award for which they qualify. Variations to this may be indicated in programme specifications.

A3 Honorary Awards

Honorary Master of Arts	Hon MA
Honorary Master of Business Administration	Hon MBA
Honorary Master of Science	Hon MSc
Honorary Master of the University	Hon MUniv
Honorary Doctor of Business Administration	Hon DBA
Honorary Doctor of Education	Hon EdD
Honorary Doctor of Fine Art	Hon DFA
Honorary Doctor of Laws	Hon LLD
Honorary Doctor of Letters	Hon DLitt
Honorary Doctor of Music	Hon DMus
Honorary Doctor of Professional Practice	Hon PrD
Honorary Doctor of Science	Hon DSc
Honorary Doctor of Technology	Hon DTech
Honorary Doctor of the University	Hon DUniv

A3.1 The following criteria are used in conferring honorary degrees in a specific discipline:

- (i) Academic achievements which significantly advance human knowledge in the disciplines represented in the University's curriculum
- (ii) Creative achievements which significantly advance practice in the arts or technology
- (iii) Significant achievements in industrial, commercial or professional life
- (iv) Educational achievements which exemplify the University's mission

- (v) Social achievements which exemplify the values embedded in the University's mission or which significantly and positively enhance the context in which the mission is pursued.

A3.2 An Honorary Doctor of the University award without specific discipline is conferred for outstanding achievement in the above criteria, including contributions to the University's standing. Where the level of distinction is significant but not outstanding, an Honorary Master of the University may be awarded.

A4 Other Awards

Minor Awards
Certificate of Credit
Certificate of Continuing Education *
Certificate of Continuing Professional Development *
University Foundation Certificate
University Certificate
University Diploma
University Advanced Diploma
Certificate in Professional Practice
Diploma in Professional Practice
Diploma in Policing
International Foundation Certificate
Under Licence
Higher National Certificate (HNC)
Higher National Diploma (HND) (classed as a Major Award)
BTEC Advanced Professional Award/Certificate/Diploma
BTEC Professional Award/Certificate/Diploma
In Partnership with Professional Bodies
Chartered Association of Certified Accountants Certificate (ACCA)
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants Certificate (CIMA)
Diploma in Acoustics and Noise
* In some circumstances these awards may be validated with a professionally recognised title, such as Practice Certificate.

A5 Aegrotat Awards

A5.1 An aegrotat award for incomplete study is an unclassified award that may be conferred in exceptional circumstances for any taught programme validated by the University including:

- Certificate of Higher Education
- Diploma of Higher Education
- Bachelor's Degree
- Postgraduate Certificate
- Postgraduate Diploma
- Master's Degree

A5.2 Assessment Boards may use discretion to confer or recommend conferment of an aegrotat award. The decision must be based on evidence of the student's performance. Where a student is short only 20 or 40 credits, the assessment board may decide to approve a full classified award rather than an aegrotat award, provided there is sufficient evidence of the student's potential achievement at the level being applied for.

A5.3 Once approved in principle by the Assessment Board, the offer of an aegrotat award will be made to the student. It will be formally awarded on receipt of confirmation from the student that they wish to accept it, and that they understand that they may not return to the same programme at a later date to improve their final award level or classification.

A5.4 Aegrotat awards should be reported to UABEC, to ensure consistency of practice across the University. Assessment Boards may refer a decision on an aegrotat award to UABEC.

A6 Posthumous Awards

A6.1 Any award of the University, including an aegrotat award, may be conferred posthumously provided appropriate academic evidence exists for the award (A5.2).

A7 Ratification, Conferment and Presentation of Awards

A7.1 University awards and credit are ratified by the Academic Board through the following two bodies:

- (i) Academic Development and Quality Committee (ADQC) considers recommendations made by assessment boards for taught programmes and from the University Research and Research Degrees Committee (URRDC) for research programmes.

- (ii) University Honorary Awards Committee (UHAC) considers recommendations in respect of honorary awards.

A.7.2 University titles, e.g. professorships, readerships, are awarded by the University Conferments Committee.

A8 Revoking Awards

A8.1 In the event of alleged academic offence(s) relating to and following the conferment of a University Award, the case will be considered through the University Academic Offence regulations (Part J) and would be subject to the same rights of appeal.

If the case is found, the University reserves the right to revoke the award, with the final approval resting with the Academic Board.

All award documentation including the Award Certificate will become invalid, reference requests to the University and electronic records will be updated to show that no valid award exists. Attempted use of previously issued documentation would amount to deception.