

Proposed Parallel Teaching Resolution 2009 - Version 4

1. Postgraduate coursework students may enrol in undergraduate courses, under the appropriate undergraduate course code. However, these undergraduate courses may not be counted in the minimum units of credit required to obtain the postgraduate award, except where the postgraduate program definition explicitly allows such inclusion and where this inclusion is specifically approved by the Postgraduate Coursework Committee of Academic Board.
2. The University recognises that there are circumstances in which the content of course material in postgraduate courses is similar to the content of material in undergraduate course(s). In such circumstances, course and program proposals must indicate:
 - (a) the extent of this material, its relationship to the remainder of the program, and the reasons for its inclusion; and
 - (b) the manner in which it will be taught and assessed, and how this will differ, if at all, from the delivery and assessment in any corresponding course(s).
3. Where course content, course delivery or course assessment are different between undergraduate and postgraduate courses, undergraduate and postgraduate students must be enrolled in different courses. In such circumstances:
 - (a) students involved in such an arrangement must be advised in the course outline that parallel teaching of undergraduate and postgraduate students will occur in a specific course, and course materials must explicitly acknowledge this parallel teaching.
 - (b) postgraduate students must be enrolled in the course under a postgraduate course code (unless allowed under 1 above); and
 - (c) postgraduate students must be offered additional or separate content delivery and/or tutorials and discussions, and must undertake additional or separate assessment tasks designed to acknowledge the different expectations, learning styles, prior knowledge and life experiences of postgraduate students, as required to preserve the academic integrity of the respective programs.
4. Where course content, course delivery, or course assessment are the same, undergraduate and postgraduate students may be enrolled in the same course. Such courses are called hybrid courses. In such circumstances:
 - (a) a unique course descriptor shall be provided to identify the course as a hybrid course;
 - (b) the course outline must include an explanation that the course is a hybrid course in which enrolments by students in undergraduate and postgraduate programs is permitted;
 - (c) **program and course authorities must ensure that one category of student does not devalue the learning experience of the other.**
5. Faculties are to review all relevant undergraduate and postgraduate courses and programs to ensure that they comply with the recommendations outlined in this policy.

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2. The University recognises that there are circumstances in which it is appropriate to deliver introductory course material in postgraduate courses. When the relevant discipline's introductory material is offered as an integral and substantial of a postgraduate course or program, the postgraduate course and program proposals must indicate:
 - (a) the extent of this material, its relationship to the remainder of the program, and the reasons for its inclusion; and
 - (b) the manner in which it will be taught and assessed, and how this will differ, if at all, from the delivery and assessment in any corresponding undergraduate course(s).
3. The University recognises that there are circumstances in which it is appropriate to deliver advanced course material concurrently to undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students. When such concurrent delivery occurs:
 - (a) the students involved in such an arrangement must be advised as close as practicable to the time of enrolment that parallel teaching of undergraduate and postgraduate students will occur in a specific course, and course materials must explicitly acknowledge this concurrent teaching.
 - (b) the postgraduate students must be enrolled in the course under a postgraduate course code (unless allowed under 1 above); and
 - (c) the postgraduate students must be offered additional or separate content delivery and/or tutorials and discussions, and must undertake additional or separate assessment tasks designed to acknowledge the different expectations, learning styles, prior knowledge and life experiences of postgraduate students, as required to preserve the academic integrity of the respective programs.
4. Faculties are to review all postgraduate courses and programs to ensure that they comply with the spirit of the above recommendations. Faculty representatives are to report on progress to the Postgraduate Coursework Committee by March 2004, and thence to the Committee on Education.