

Name of Policy	Protocols in relation to Joint Awards between Australian Catholic University and other Institutions
Description of Policy	These protocols in relation to joint awards between Australian Catholic University and other institutions were approved following the recommendation of the Ceremonial and Protocols Committee.
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PROTOCOLS IN RELATION TO JOINT AWARDS BETWEEN AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Senate, at its meeting on 25 September 2003 (and following the recommendation of the Ceremonial and Protocols Committee) approved the following protocols in relation to joint awards with other institutions:

- (a) the University may confer an award jointly with another institution provided that:
 - (i) the nature of the institution and the course are compatible with the Mission of Australian Catholic University;
 - (ii) the course is jointly developed and presented by the participating institutions, and Australian Catholic University has the status of equal partner with the other institution in such course development and presentation;
 - (iii) the course proposal has been approved by Senate and, following Senate's approval of the course proposal, the curriculum plan has been approved by Academic Board in accordance with the *Procedures for Course Approval, Amendment and Review - Accredited Higher Education Courses*;
 - (iv) graduates receive a single jointly-badged testamur which may be presented at a graduation ceremony of either of the partner institutions (in the event that the partner institutions developed a dual degree which met the above criteria, two jointly-badged testamurs could be awarded);

- (b) that any such joint award may be recognised by incorporation of the crests and names of both institutions on course information, academic transcripts and award testamurs and further by the inclusion of the seals of and signatories on behalf of both institutions on testamurs.

Policy Review

The University may make changes to this policy from time to time to improve the effectiveness of its operation. In this regard, any staff member who wishes to make any comments about this policy may forward their suggestions to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs).

Further Assistance

Any staff member who requires assistance in understanding this policy should first consult his/her nominated supervisor who is responsible for the implementation and operation of these arrangements in the work area. Should further advice be needed, the staff member should contact the Director, Institute for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning.

Related Documentation

- Policy and Procedures on Educational Partnerships (including guidelines on Educational partnerships, Affiliations and other collaborative arrangements);
- Guidelines for Nomenclature of ACU National Awards.