Short Level 7 Degree for Lifelong Learning

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Student Dilemma

Motivation
- Career change
- Greater breadth of knowledge
- Entry to professional degree
- Return to education

Pathways
- Take subjects non-award
- Study another degree
- Level 5 Diploma
- Level 8 Graduate Diploma
Australian Qualifications Framework

- Clarified expectations for each level — bachelor, honours, masters, doctorate
- Outcomes of coursework masters
- Discipline knowledge and skills
- Graduate attributes
- Need to meet employer expectations
- Student expectations
- Fees and income
Solution

Breadth
- Discipline curricula available at Level 7 in Bachelor degrees
- Meets discipline knowledge and skills
- Study an extra major
- Broad range of disciplines, 30 majors in science
- 100 discipline areas across the University
- More than coursework masters could offer

Finances
- CSP fees for students
- Few extra resources for teaching needed
Structure to Study an Extra Major

Admission
- Holds a bachelor degree

Degree requirements
- Meets the requirements of a major

Award
- Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Abridged)

Meets discipline outcomes at Level 7
Meets graduate attributes at Level 7
Benefits and Challenges

Graduates obtain an award
Recognisable as bachelor level
Clearly distinct from regular bachelor
Broad range of disciplines available
Expectations of outcomes clear to students, employers and regulators
Reduced loss-making teaching
More resources for improving undergraduate teaching

No development of graduate attributes beyond Level 7
Sits outside the AQF
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Advanced Diploma, 1.5 – 2 years volume of learning
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England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Framework for Higher Education Qualifications

Level 6, Bachelor Level, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma

Level 7, Masters Level, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma

Conversion course at Level 6
1 year study to gain expertise in a new discipline

Graduate Diploma in Law (Manchester Metropolitan University)
Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Birmingham City University)
Scotland

Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework

Level 9, Bachelor Level, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma
Level 10, Honours Level, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma
Level 11, Masters Level, Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma
### The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at [www.scqf.org.uk](http://scqf.org.uk) to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.

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Post Baccalaureate courses
Admit graduates
Shorter than Bachelor degree
Usually made up from undergraduate subjects
Non award, some informal certificates

Certification of Professional Achievement in Psychology (Columbia University)

Postbaccalaureate Program in Speech Science (Portland State University)
- Prerequisites for professional postgraduate degree

http://sps.columbia.edu/certificates/psychology-certificate,
http://www.pdx.edu/sphr/undergraduate-postbaccalaureate,
accessed 18 July 2016
Belgium

Bachelor of Philosophy (Abridged Programme), KU Leuven, Belgium
Bachelor of Psychology (Abridged Programme)
Graduate entry
1 year study of a discipline
Possible Names

- Diploma
- Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- Bachelor (Post Graduation)
- Bachelor (Post Baccalaureate)
- Maior Bachelor
- Bachelor of x (Abridged)
Goal

Vehicle for life long learning
Need for renewing education and training throughout career
An award
Clarity of qualification for students, employers
What Next?

Precedents for 4 years of undergraduate study leading to two Bachelor awards
Universities could offer a Bachelor (Abridged)
Fold into review of AQF
View of stakeholders
View of experts