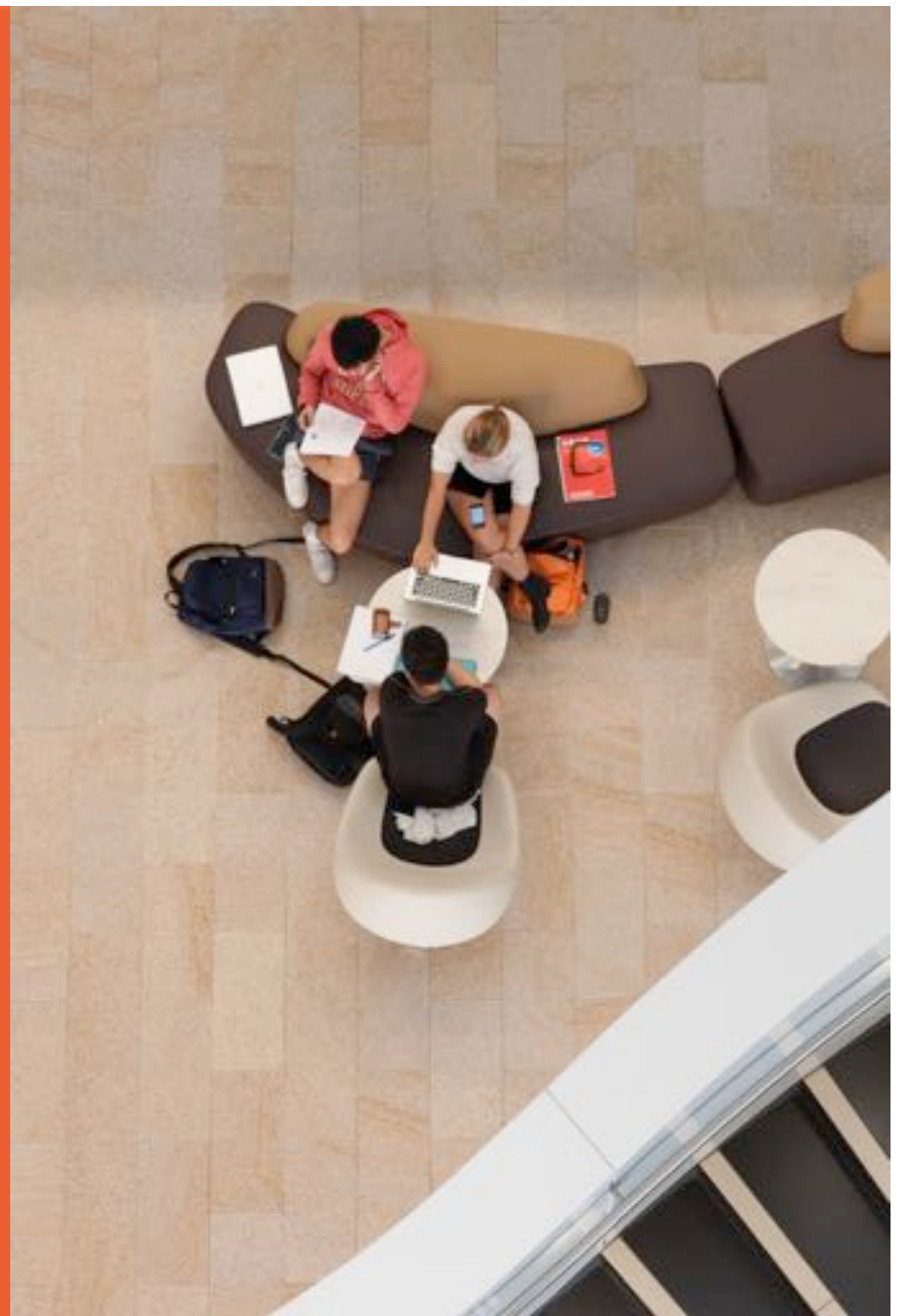


# Short Level 7 Degree for Lifelong Learning

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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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# 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://www.scqf.org.uk) to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	SVQs/MAs
12			Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship SVQ 5
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship
9		Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
8		Higher National Diploma	Diploma Of Higher Education	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate	Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 3
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher			Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 3
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5			Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 2
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award	SVQ 1
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3			
2	National 2, Awards			
1	National 1, Awards			

# USA

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