

Graduate Attributes Policy

Section 1 - Purpose

(1) This Policy lists the skills and attributes the University of Canberra (University) expects its graduates to develop during their course of study.

Section 2 - Scope

- (2) Graduate attributes 1 to 3 apply to coursework courses approved by Academic Board prior to 3 June 2020.
- (3) Graduate attributes 1 to 4 apply to new or revised coursework courses approved by Academic Board with effect from 3 June 2020.
- (4) Graduate attributes 1 to 4 apply to all coursework courses with effect from 5 June 2023.

Section 3 - Principles

- (5) Students in University courses acquire a body of professional and disciplinary knowledge, technical and information literacy skills, and a set of appropriate professional attitudes. At the heart of these learning outcomes are the generic attributes we have identified as essential for our graduates.
- (6) Effective professional practice requires the ability to integrate course-specific skills and knowledge, and generic skills and knowledge.
- (7) Development of the graduate attributes takes place in all courses in ways that reflect the qualification level and type, and the character of the particular discipline and professional field.
- (8) Students' develop graduate attributes through curriculum design, including assessment design.

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- (9) The University provides a high-quality, innovative educational experience. Our courses are designed to equip our graduates to be leaders of their profession, to be outward-looking global citizens and to value lifelong learning.
- (10) The following table lists the University's graduate attributes:

No.	Attribute	Sub-Attribute
1	University graduates are professional	University graduates can: 1. employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; 2. communicate effectively; 3. use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; 4. work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; 5. display initiative and drive, and use their organisation skills to plan and manage their workload; 6. take pride in their professional and personal integrity.
2	University graduates are global citizens	University graduates can: 1. think globally about issues in their profession; 2. adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; 3. understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; 4. communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; 5. make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives; 6. behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.
3	University graduates are lifelong learners	University graduates can: 1. reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; 2. be self-aware; 3. adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; 4. evaluate and adopt new technology.
4	University graduates are able to demonstrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing	University graduates can: 1. use local Indigenous histories and traditional ecological knowledge to develop and augment understanding of their discipline; 2. communicate and engage with Indigenous Australians in ethical and culturally respectful ways; 3. apply their knowledge to working with Indigenous Australians in socially just ways.

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