

# Curtin Common Definitions

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<b>Academic Board</b>	A committee of Curtin University's Council established under Statute No. 21. The Board is responsible to the University Council for helping to ensure academic quality and integrity of the academic matters of the University's operations.	<a href="#">Secretariat webpage</a>
<b>Academic misconduct</b>	Conduct by a Student, other than conduct constituting Academic Record Fraud or General Misconduct, that is dishonest or unfair in connection with any academic work, such as: (a) during any exam, test or other supervised assessment activity; (b) in relation to the preparation or presentation of any assessed item of work; or (c) in relation to the conduct of research or any other similar academic activity.	<a href="#">Statute No 10 - Student Discipline</a>
<b>Academic record</b>	Any document or other record containing information relating to a person's academic results, awards or achievements.	<a href="#">Statute No 10 - Student Discipline</a>
<b>Academic transcript</b>	The official University record of a student's results and is printed on official University transcript paper.	<a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Manual</a>
<b>Area (organisational unit type)</b>	An organisational unit established principally for performing administrative or support functions within the University.	<a href="#">Establishment and Change of Organisational Units Procedures</a>
<b>Assessment</b>	The method(s) and procedures by which a student's academic progress and performance is measured in a unit.	<a href="#">Assessment and Student Progression Manual</a>
<b>Award course</b>	A structured combination of units approved by the University Academic Board which when completed qualifies the student for an award from Curtin University.	<a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Manual</a>

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<b>Benchmarking</b>	Benchmarking is a structured, collaborative, learning process for comparing practices, processes or performance outcomes. Its purpose is to identify comparative strengths and weaknesses, as a basis for developing improvements in academic quality. Benchmarking can also be defined as a quality process used to evaluate performance by comparing institutional practices to sector good practice.	<a href="#">TEQSA Guidance Note</a>
<b>Brand, Curtin</b>	Includes, but is not limited to, the expression, reputation and related attributes of the University. Literally, it means the distinctive representations in design and stylistic requirements such as image types, footers and fonts that are used to create a strong visual identity which distinguishes Curtin from its competitors and indicates the source of goods or services	<a href="#">Brand Communications Policy</a>
<b>Broadcast message system (BMS)</b>	An email system that enables messages to be sent to all Curtin staff or groups of Curtin staff with an email address administered through Curtin Information Technology Services (CITS).	<a href="#">Broadcast Message System (BMS) Procedures</a>
<b>Bullying</b>	Bullying at work occurs when a person or a group of people repeatedly behaves unreasonably towards an employee or a group of employees at work and the behaviour creates a risk to health and safety. Bullying does not include reasonable management action carried out in a reasonable manner.	
<b>Casual academic staff</b>	Casual staff members employed in accordance with Clause 16 of the Academic, Professional and General Staff Enterprise Agreement.	<a href="#">Appointment of Casual Academic Staff Procedures</a> and <a href="#">Enterprise Agreement</a>
<b>Class</b>	Any scheduled teaching activity involving face-to-face contact and includes, but is not limited to lectures, tutorials, laboratory sessions and seminars.	<a href="#">Academic Calendar and Class Timetabling Manual</a>
<b>Client personal information</b>	Any personal information that relates to any current or former client of the University.	<a href="#">Disclosure of Personal Information Procedures</a>
<b>Common free time</b>	The period from 12.00pm to 2.00pm each Wednesday during teaching weeks, during which classes or other compulsory student activities must not be scheduled or held.	<a href="#">Academic Calendar and Class Timetabling Manual</a>
<b>Compliance</b>	Adhering to the requirements of the University's policies and procedures, laws, industry and organisational standards and codes, principles of good governance and accepted community and ethical standards (including the Australian Standard AS3806-2006: Compliance Programs) in the context of the University's risk appetite.	<a href="#">Compliance Policy</a>
<b>Compliance breach/failure</b>	An act or omission whereby the University has not met its compliance obligations, processes or behavioural obligations.	<a href="#">Compliance Procedures</a>
<b>Compliance commitment</b>	Requirement that an organisation chooses to comply with ISO 19600:2014 Compliance Management Systems.	<a href="#">Policy Development Procedures</a>
<b>Compliance culture</b>	Values, ethics and beliefs that exist throughout an organisation and interact with the organisation's structures and control systems to produce behaviour norms that are conducive to compliance outcomes. (source: ISO 19600:2014)	<a href="#">Compliance Procedures</a>

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<b>Compliance obligation</b>	Compliance requirement or compliance commitment (ISO 19600:2014 Compliance Management Systems).	<a href="#">Policy Development Procedures</a>
<b>Compliance requirement</b>	Requirement that an organisation has to comply with ISO 19600:2014 Compliance Management Systems.	<a href="#">Policy Development Procedures</a>
<b>Compulsory student activity</b>	Any class or other activity that a student would be expected to attend as part of the normal tuition pattern for a unit or program of study, or any other activity such as a school-arranged examination, test or quiz that the student would be expected to attend in order to successfully complete the requirements of a unit or program of study.	<a href="#">Academic Calendar and Class Timetabling Manual</a>
<b>Contract</b>	Any document which generates benefits to, or imposes obligations on Curtin which is legally enforceable and has been mutually agreed to by Curtin and another party as the final settled terms and will be submitted to each party for signing. Contracts may also be referred to as agreements and, for the purpose of policies and procedures, also includes Memorandums of Understanding. Other parties can be organisations or individuals. Contracts can include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fully-executed; where the contract has been signed by all parties to the contract; or</li> <li>• electronically accepted; where the contract is put in place by acceptance by electronic means, such as checking acceptance online of terms and conditions prior to downloading or order acceptance</li> </ul>	
<b>Contract manager</b>	A University staff member who has the responsibility for the day-to-day management of the contract.	<a href="#">Procurement Procedures</a>
<b>Contracted supplier</b>	The supplier to a contract which is accessible by the University.	<a href="#">Procurement Procedures</a>
<b>Control</b>	The measures or actions that are currently in place (i.e., at the time of the risk assessment) to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of effectiveness of operations, compliance and risk management. A control could be a policy, procedure, practice, process, technology, technique, method or device. The purpose of a control is to modify or manage a risk by reducing the likelihood and/or consequences of the risk. A control should be tangible and auditable (i.e., you should be able to demonstrate that the control exists).	
<b>Copyright work</b>	Means any work as defined in the Copyright Act 1968 (Cwlth) including but not limited to artistic, literary, dramatic, or musical work, sound recording, cinematograph film, television broadcast, sound broadcast, published edition of a work, photograph, video recording, CD ROM or computer works, and includes course materials, monographs and scholarly works.	<a href="#">Intellectual Property - Ownership and Commercialisation Policy and Procedures</a>
<b>Core Unit</b>	A unit that is compulsory for the student to complete within a particular course or major.	<a href="#">Assessment and Student Progression Manual</a>
<b>Council</b>	The University's governing body, established under the Curtin University of Technology Act 1966. Council is responsible for the overall governance and effective management of the University.	<a href="#">Secretariat webpage</a>

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<b>Course</b>	A structured combination of approved units which when completed qualifies the student for an award from Curtin University.	<a href="#">Course Approval and Quality Manual</a>
<b>Course weighted average (CWA)</b>	A calculation of a student's weighted average percentage mark for all Grade/Mark units in which the student is enrolled in a course, including units credited as Automatic Credit or Designated Credit.	<a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Manual</a>
<b>Credit</b>	The value assigned for the recognition of equivalence in content and learning outcomes between different types of learning and/or qualifications.	<a href="#">Awards and Graduation Manual</a>
<b>Credit (for recognised learning)</b>	The value assigned for the recognition of equivalence in content and learning outcomes between different types of learning and/or qualifications. Credit reduces the amount of learning required to achieve a qualification.	<a href="#">Credit for Recognised Learning Manual</a>
<b>Department (organisational unit type)</b>	An organisational unit established under a School that is financially administered by the parent School.	<a href="#">Establishment and Change of Organisational Units Procedures</a>
<b>Direct report to the Vice-Chancellor</b>	An Executive Manager who is directly responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the performance of his or her duties.	<a href="#">Constitution of the Executive Committee of Council</a>
<b>Disability</b>	As defined by the <i>Disability Discrimination Act 1992</i> (Cth). For reference, at Nov. 2014, this is: "disability, in relation to a person, means: (a) total or partial loss of the person's bodily or mental functions; or (b) total or partial loss of a part of the body; or (c) the presence in the body of organisms causing disease or illness; or (d) the presence in the body of organisms capable of causing disease or illness; or (e) the malfunction, malformation or disfigurement of a part of the person's body; or (f) a disorder or malfunction that results in the person learning differently from a person without the disorder or malfunction; or (g) a disorder, illness or disease that affects a person's thought processes, perception of reality, emotions or judgment or that results in disturbed behaviour; and includes a disability that: (h) presently exists; or (i) previously existed but no longer exists; or (j) may exist in the future (including because of a genetic predisposition to that disability); or (k) is imputed to a person. To avoid doubt, a disability that is otherwise covered by this definition includes behaviour that is a symptom or manifestation of the disability."	<a href="#">Students With a Disability Policy; Medical Documentation for Students With a Disability Policy and Procedures; Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)</a>
<b>eVALUate</b>	The University's online system of student feedback for unit and teaching evaluation.	
<b>Executive Manager</b>	A position held by a Deputy Vice-Chancellor, a Vice President, a Pro Vice-Chancellor, the Chief Financial Officer; or any other position which is approved by the Executive Committee to be an Executive Manager following the advice of the Vice-Chancellor.	<a href="#">Constitution of the Executive Committee of Council</a>

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<b>Faculty (organisational unit type)</b>	An organisational unit established under a Portfolio for the administration and management of significant groupings of research and teaching related functional activities, such as Schools and any associated Departments.	<a href="#">Establishment and Change of Organisational Units Procedures</a>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	Fieldwork is any approved practical work, teaching, study, volunteer or research activity, usually conducted outside the normal place of University business. Fieldwork may be an integral part of a course (curricula) or a co-curricular activity organised by the university. Fieldwork includes but is not limited to clinical or practical work placements or activities; participation in laboratories; plant visits; industrial premises or site visits; practicums; study tours; field trips; work experience; service industry placements; isolated and remote fieldwork camps and/or excursions and international field trips/placements. Fieldwork does not include activities that have not been approved through the university such as: voluntary and leisure; paid employment or unpaid work experience; and site visits.	<a href="#">Research, Ethics and Integrity website</a>
<b>Final timetable</b>	The final official version of the schedule of classes published to students and staff.	<a href="#">Academic Calendar and Class Timetabling Manual</a>
<b>Framework</b>	An essential supporting structure and system comprising values, signature behaviours, guiding principles, ethical standards, Code of Conduct, accountabilities and commitments, and appropriately integrated functions, processes and documentation.	
<b>Good standing</b>	An academic status determined by the Board of Examiners. The student is permitted to continue in the course and to re-enrol. The entitlement to continue in a course and to re-enrol is in all cases subject to any other restrictions or prohibitions imposed on the student (for example, a prohibition on enrolment due to outstanding fees or misconduct).	<a href="#">Assessment and Student Progression Manual</a>
<b>Governance</b>	The system by which an organisation is controlled and operates, and the mechanisms by which it, and its people, are held to account	<a href="#">Risk Management Policy</a>
<b>Group (organisational unit type)</b>	An organisational unit typically established under a School, Department, Section or Research-related organisational unit principally for the purpose of control or reporting of a collection of specific activities.	<a href="#">Establishment and Change of Organisational Units Procedures</a>
<b>Guidelines</b>	Guidelines set out advice based on good practice. Guidelines should be followed unless there are justifiable alternative methods.	<a href="#">Policy Development Procedures</a>
<b>Guild</b>	See 'Student Guild'	

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<b>Intellectual property</b>	Includes any rights in relation to: (1) circuit layout or semi-conductor chip layout or design or eligible layout as defined in the Circuit Layouts Act 1989 (Cwlth); (2) a Copyright Work as defined in the Copyright Act 1968 (Cwlth); (3) a design as defined in the Designs Act 1906 (Cwlth); (4) a patent, application for a patent, invention, manner, method or process of manufacture, or method or principle of construction as defined in the Patents Act 1990 (Cwlth); (5) a plant variety as defined in the Plant Breeders' Rights Act 1994 (Cwlth); (6) a trade mark as defined in the Trade Marks Act 1995 (Cwlth); and including related rights and confidential information and know-how in relation to the above rights, or as otherwise determined by the University.	<a href="#">Intellectual Property - Ownership and Commercialisation Policy and Procedures</a>
<b>Key Performance Indicator (KPI)</b>	A quantifiable measurement, agreed to beforehand, that reflects the critical success factor of the organisation.	<a href="#">Planning Policy</a>
<b>Local Area Instruction</b>	A Local Area instruction is a lawful and reasonable line management direction to support the implementation of applicable legislation, Statutes, Rules, Policies and Procedures (the Curtin Compliance Obligations). Where a partner entity is required to comply with the Curtin Compliance Obligation it may develop its own Local Area instructions to implement the obligation and Curtin may monitor the effectiveness of those Local Area instructions pursuant to the terms and conditions of any agreement with the partner entity. Any Local Area instruction will be consistent with the Curtin Compliance Obligations.	<a href="#">Policy Development Procedures</a>
<b>Logo</b>	The registered trademark of Curtin University of Technology. This incorporates the shield, the word "Curtin" and the descriptor "University".	<a href="#">Brand Use Procedures</a>
<b>Major</b>	A series of units that pursues learning in depth and provides a coherent and rigorous enquiry of a single discipline or area of study.	<a href="#">Awards and Graduation Manual</a>
<b>Non-Award Course</b>	Is a program of study which does not lead to a formal award. It may comprise a unit or units of study from an award course and may be counted as credit towards an award course in some cases.	<a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Manual</a>
<b>OASIS</b>	Online Access to Student Information Services; the student portal through which students are provided with access to a wide range of eServices.	<a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Manual</a>



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<b>Objectional material</b>	As defined by the <i>Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Act 1996 (WA)</i> . For reference, at Nov. 2014, this is: (a) a film classified RC, a computer game classified RC, or a publication classified RC; or (b) [deleted] (c) an article that promotes crime or violence, or incites or instructs in matters of crime or violence; or (d) an article that describes or depicts, in a manner that is likely to cause offence to a reasonable adult — (i) the use of violence or coercion to compel any person to participate in, or submit to, sexual conduct; (ii) sexual conduct with or upon the body of a dead person; (iii) the use of urine or excrement in association with degrading or dehumanizing conduct or sexual conduct; (iv) bestiality; (v) acts of torture or the infliction of extreme violence or extreme cruelty;	<a href="#">Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Policy Manual; Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Act 1996 (WA)</a>
<b>Official Communications Channel (OCC)</b>	The means by which official correspondence is delivered electronically to students within OASIS.	<a href="#">OASIS and Official Communication Channel Procedures</a>
<b>Offshore operations</b>	Means all educational and education services provided by Curtin University of Technology to students or international clients outside Australia and includes twinning arrangements, franchising, licensing, distance education with or without local support, training, any arrangement under which Curtin University provides education or performs any educational service for fee or clients overseas, any activities conducted outside Australia which promote or support such activities, offshore short courses, and offshore student recruitment activities.	<a href="#">Offshore Operations (Human Resources Management) Policy</a>
<b>Organisational unit</b>	An approved academic or administrative grouping established for business management and reporting purposes.	<a href="#">Establishment and Change of Organisational Units Procedures</a>
<b>Orientation week</b>	Is the week immediately preceding Week One of the standard teaching semester at the Bentley campus. Other campuses may not necessarily require a full week, and may refer to the program generically as Orientation. Orientation provides an opportunity for students to become familiar with Curtin services and facilities by participating in course introductory sessions and various skilling and information programs. It also enables students to collect unit outlines and address enrolment, timetabling and administrative matters prior to the start of the first teaching week. For the purposes of communication with students, the alternative term O-Week is acceptable usage.	<a href="#">Orientation and Transition Policy and Procedures</a>
<b>O-Week</b>	See 'Orientation Week'	<a href="#">Orientation and Transition Policy and Procedures</a>
<b>Personal information</b>	Information (including information forming part of a database), and whether recorded in a material form or not, about an individual whose identify is apparent, or can reasonably be ascertained, from the information.	<a href="#">Disclosure of Personal Information Procedures</a>

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<b>Plagiarism</b>	Presenting the work or property of another person as one's own, without appropriate acknowledgement of the other person's work.	<a href="#">Management of Plagiarism Policy</a>
<b>Planning and Management Committee (PMC)</b>	A committee responsible for advising the Vice-Chancellor on all matters for which the Vice-Chancellor exercises responsibility and assisting the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of some of those responsibilities.	<a href="#">Secretariat webpage</a>
<b>Policy</b>	A policy establishes the key principles that direct conduct and decision making.	<a href="#">Policy Development Procedures</a>
<b>Portfolio (organisational unit type)</b>	An organisational unit that is established to assist in the corporate management and administration of the University, and is typically headed by a Vice President, a Deputy Vice-Chancellor or such other designated position who reports directly to the Vice-Chancellor.	<a href="#">Establishment and Change of Organisational Units Procedures</a>
<b>Procedures</b>	Procedures are approved methods to be employed in implementing legislation, Statutes, Rules or policy.	<a href="#">Policy Development Procedures</a>
<b>Procurement</b>	The end to end process from the identification of a requirement to the disposal of the acquisition at the end of its life (in the case of goods) or the completion of obligations (in the case of services).	<a href="#">Procurement Procedures;</a> <a href="#">Purchasing and Payment Policy</a>
<b>Purchasing</b>	The mechanics of buying. Purchasing is a component of the wider function of procurement and consists of activities such as ordering, receipt and payment	<a href="#">Purchasing and Payment Policy</a>
<b>Record</b>	Information in any format, created, received and maintained as evidence and information by an organisation or person, in pursuance of legal obligations or in the transaction of business.	<a href="#">Records and Information Management Policy</a>
<b>Recordkeeping</b>	The making and maintaining of complete, accurate and reliable evidence of business transactions in the form of recorded information.	<a href="#">Records Management Procedures</a>
<b>Re-enrolling student</b>	Is any student who is continuing in the same course of study.	<a href="#">Orientation and Transition Policy and Procedures</a>
<b>Research</b>	The creation of new knowledge and/or the use of existing knowledge in a new and creative way so as to generate new concepts, methodologies, inventions and understandings. This could include synthesis and analysis of previous research to the extent that it is new and creative. (The Australian Research Council, Excellence in Research for Australia, 2014). It excludes consultancy as defined by the Consultancy Policy and Procedures.	<a href="#">Research Management Policy</a>
<b>Research centre</b>	An area of major research activity of national excellence in research germane to the University's vision, mission and goals, of significance to the community, and meriting repute in the national and international contexts. Research Centres provide a focus for research activity within a specialised area or discipline.	<a href="#">Research Institutes, Centres and Clusters Procedures</a>
<b>Research cluster</b>	Groups of researchers within or across Schools and Faculties working in a specific area and aspiring to recognition as a Research Centre.	<a href="#">Research Institutes, Centres and Clusters Procedures</a>



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<b>Research institute</b>	An area of recognised international and national excellence in research in the University. Research Institutes are established to facilitate, extend and enable the promotion and conduct of research, development and related activities in well-defined areas of research strength that advance the achievement of the University's vision, mission and goals. Research Institutes are larger than Research Centres, and produce higher quality and more significant research.	<a href="#">Research Institutes, Centres and Clusters Procedures</a>
<b>Restricted material</b>	As defined by the <i>Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Act 1996</i> (Cth). For reference, at Nov 2014 this is: "an article that a reasonable adult, by reason of the nature of the article, or the nature or extent of references in the article, to matters of sex, drug misuse or addiction, crime, cruelty, violence or revolting or abhorrent phenomena, would regard as unsuitable for a minor to see, read or hear."	<a href="#">Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Policy Manual; Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Act 1996 (WA)</a>
<b>Risk</b>	The effect of uncertainty on objectives. It is measured in terms of consequence and likelihood.	<a href="#">Risk Management Policy</a>
<b>Risk appetite</b>	Amount and type of risk an organisation is prepared to pursue or retain to achieve its objectives. The University's risk appetite is detailed in the Risk Reference Tables (see <a href="http://riskmanagement.curtin.edu.au">riskmanagement.curtin.edu.au</a> ).	<a href="#">Risk Management Policy</a>
<b>Risk assessment</b>	A process to identify, analyse and evaluate risk. It provides an understanding of risks, their causes, consequences and likelihood.	<a href="#">Risk Management Policy</a>
<b>Risk management</b>	Coordinated activities to direct and control an organisation with regards to risk.	<a href="#">Risk Management Policy</a>
<b>Rule</b>	A rule made under a statute.	
<b>School (organisational unit type)</b>	An organisational unit established under a Faculty principally for developing and delivering the designated academic function of the University.	<a href="#">Establishment and Change of Organisational Units Procedures</a>
<b>School Review</b>	A School Review is a systematic, external, evidence-based, recurrent review of a School's performance that identifies issues for commendation and improvement to enhance the quality of a School's operations. It includes self-assessment, benchmarking and other external referencing and validation by an external panel. School Reviews occur every five years according to the schedule approved by the Provost.	<a href="#">School and Area Reviews Policy</a>
<b>Section (organisational unit type)</b>	An organisational unit typically established under an Area or a Faculty that allows additional operational breakdown of the administrative functions of that Area or Faculty.	<a href="#">Establishment and Change of Organisational Units Procedures</a>
<b>Sessional staff</b>	See 'Casual academic staff'	<a href="#">Appointment of Casual Academic Staff Procedures</a> and <a href="#">Enterprise Agreement</a>
<b>Significant breach</b>	A breach will be significant if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it approaches or exceeds the University's risk appetite;</li> <li>• it adversely affects the University meeting any of its TEQSA obligations; or</li> <li>• the cumulative effect of multiple, similar breaches is material.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Compliance Procedures</a>

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	A commercial relationship in which the University provides funding, resources or services to an individual, event or organisation in return for rights and association for commercial advantage.	<a href="#">Brand Communications Policy</a>
<b>Staff personal information</b>	Any personal information that relates to any person employed or previously employed by the University.	<a href="#">Disclosure of Personal Information Procedures</a>
<b>Statute</b>	Means a Statute of the University in force pursuant to the Act.	
<b>Student</b>	A person who is admitted to a course or enrolled in a unit, which leads to, or is capable of leading to, an academic award of the University.	<a href="#">Credit for Recognised Learning Manual</a>
<b>Student</b>	(a) an enrolled student as defined in section 4(1) of the <i>Curtin University of Technology Act 1966</i> (WA); (b) a person who is admitted to a course conducted by the University (including a person who is on leave, or absent without leave, from that course) – until that person has withdrawn from, or is no longer admitted to, that course or until that person: (i) has been conferred his or her award for that course; or (ii) completes any activity relating to graduation from the course, whichever is the later; or (c) a person who is enrolled in a unit – until that person is given the final results for that unit.	<a href="#">Statute No. 10 - Student Discipline</a>
<b>Student personal information</b>	Any personal information that relates to any person currently or previously enrolled or graduated from the University.	<a href="#">Disclosure of Personal Information Procedures</a>
<b>Student society</b>	Any club, society or association within the University which is registered with the Guild in the manner prescribed by the Guild regulations.	<a href="#">Statute No. 4 Student Guild</a>
<b>Study period</b>	A period of time in which a unit is available, for example, Semester 1, Trimester 3, etc.	<a href="#">Academic Calendar and Class Timetabling Manual</a>
<b>Study week</b>	The week before the commencement of the centrally scheduled examinations period during which students are expected to prepare for examination or practical assessments.	<a href="#">Academic Calendar and Class Timetabling Manual</a>
<b>Teaching weeks</b>	Weeks within a study period during which classes are scheduled.	<a href="#">Academic Calendar and Class Timetabling Manual</a>
<b>Thesis</b>	Means a scholarly report on an original research project(s) based on or manifested in rigorous experimental, theoretical, creative, empirical and/or design inquiry.	<a href="#">Rule No 12 to Statute 12: Enrolment: Degree of Doctor by Coursework</a>
<b>Third-party personal information</b>	Any personal information that relates to a third person who is not a staff member, student or client of the University.	<a href="#">Disclosure of Personal Information Procedures</a>

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<b>Transition</b>	Conducted at many levels across the university and students are considered to be in transition upon entering the University and/or their course, moving from semester to semester and upon graduation. While the term has this wider definition, the terms "transition programs" and "transition activities" are generally used within this policy to refer to a range of interventions directed at assisting new-to-Curtin students.	<a href="#">Orientation and Transition Policy and Procedures</a>
<b>Tuition free week</b>	A week within a study period during which classes and other compulsory student activities are not scheduled unless specifically approved in accordance with policy.	<a href="#">Academic Calendar and Class Timetabling Manual</a>
<b>Under examination status</b>	The status held by the candidate following submission of the thesis and prior to determination of the classification of the thesis by the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Training.	<a href="#">Rule No. 11 to Statute 12 - Enrolment: Degree of Master by Research</a>
<b>Undergraduate</b>	AQF Levels 6 – 8 (Bachelor Honours Degree) inclusive.	<a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Manual</a>
<b>Unit</b>	A discrete entity of study within a subject area that is a component of a course.	<a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Manual; Assessment and Student Progression Manual</a>
<b>Unit coordinator</b>	The most senior academic staff member responsible for a particular unit.	<a href="#">Admission and Enrolment Manual</a>
<b>Unit learning outcomes</b>	Is what successful students are expected to know, understand or be able to do as a result of unit learning experiences.	<a href="#">Course Approval and Quality Manual</a>
<b>Unit outline</b>	A document containing essential and administrative information about a unit of study, including details of learning outcomes, assessments and schedules.	<a href="#">Assessment and Student Progression Manual</a>
<b>University Academic Calendar</b>	The University Academic Calendar comprising two standard semesters in a calendar year followed by Summer School, will be approved in advance by Academic Board on a rolling three-year basis.	<a href="#">Academic Calendar and Class Timetabling Manual</a>
<b>University Community</b>	University community includes Council members, students, staff, University Associates, Curtin controlled entities, and all persons participating in University business or activities, including whether as a visitor, adjunct appointee, service provider, contractor or volunteer.	
<b>Whole-of-University Contracts</b>	These contracts are established for commonly purchased goods and/or services where many buyers from different areas will place orders. These contracts will be established and managed by Strategic Procurement. Staff will use these contracts if they have a need for goods and/or services that are available through a whole-of-University contract.	<a href="#">Procurement Procedures</a>