

## Enabling Programs Policy

<b>Purpose:</b>	To ensure that Murdoch University's access and equity programs align with the strategic direction of the Federal Government's policy framework relating to social inclusion; and to ensure that student access, support, rights and responsibilities are best practice and that equivalence and compatibility between programs is in place.		
<b>Audience:</b>	Staff, Students		
<b>Supporting Procedures:</b>	<i>Enabling Programs Procedure</i>		
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Secretary to Academic Council	<b>Phone:</b>	See Campus Directory

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### Preamble:

The Australian Government Department of Education (DOE) allows universities to apply their funding load to offer Enabling Programs to prospective and existing students from designated equity groups. Study undertaken as part of these programs may not be used for credit towards a tertiary award.

### Objectives:

To ensure that Murdoch University's Enabling Program offerings:

1. Assist the University meet its strategic objectives;
2. Complement existing award offerings, and use Murdoch University expertise and facilities; and
3. Are subject to the normal provisions for academic oversight.

### Policy:

1. The University may offer Enabling Programs in line with the *Academic Planning Proposal of New Academic Offerings Procedure*, with the authority for their approval residing with Academic Council.
2. College Deans Teaching and Learning or their functional equivalents may propose new Enabling Programs in accordance with the *Enabling Programs Procedure*.
3. Enabling Program Coordinators are to ensure that all Enabling Programs are compliant with the *Units Policy* where compliance is possible.
4. Enabling Program Coordinators are to ensure that all Enabling Programs are compliant with the *Assessment Policy*.
5. All Murdoch Enabling Program students are deemed to be a student of the University under the *Murdoch University Act 1973* and are bound by, and entitled to, all rights and responsibilities that pertain to Murdoch students.
6. With the exception of the LITE module, components of the Enabling Program may not later be credited towards a Murdoch University degree course.

7. Students who complete the full version of the Library's LITE course, as part of their Enabling Program, shall be credited with the LITE component in their Foundation Unit, provided the allocated grade does not exceed 5%.
8. Any certificates issued to participants must be issued in compliance with the *Issuing of Non-Award Certificates Policy*.
9. Students who are enrolled in Murdoch University units as part of an Enabling Program will follow normal university enrolment procedures for those units.
10. Students who successfully complete an Enabling Program may apply for admission to the University through the usual application procedures.
11. Enabling Programs will normally be DOE funded.
12. Murdoch University staff will teach the Enabling Program unless otherwise arranged. External staff may be employed with funding generated by the program.
13. Enabling Programs shall contain mechanisms for review and evaluation as a distinct group, as initiated by Academic Council, on a five-yearly basis.

**Supporting Procedures:**

The Provost is authorised to approve all supporting procedures.

**Supporting Guidelines:**

There are no supporting guidelines.

**Supporting Standards:**

There are no supporting standards.

**Performance Indicators:**

There are no performance indicators.

**Definitions:**

**The definition of these terms appears in the "Dictionary of Terms". Please refer to the "Dictionary of Terms" in Policy and Procedure Manager™ to ensure you are referring to the latest version.**

"Enabling Program"

**Related Documents:**

[Assessment Policy 2016 August 01](#)

[Assessment Policy 2016 January 01](#)

[Enabling Programs Procedure](#)

[Issuing of Non-Award Certificates Policy](#)

[Units Policy](#)

[Student Appeals Policy](#)

**References:**

*Murdoch University Act 1973 (WA)*

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<b>Responsible Officer(s):</b>	Secretary to Academic Council

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