



THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG POLICY FRAMEWORK

The policy structure is the overall context in which all policy is developed at UOW. It may encompass other policies with a central theme or the supporting procedures and forms that support a particular policy.

External Influences on Policy

- [Higher Education Legislation](#)
- [UOW Act](#)
- [UOW By-Law](#)
- Protocols
- Standards
- External reviews eg AUQA

Internal Influences on Policy

- UOW Strategic Plan
- UOW Rules
- UOW Academic Review Policy
- Operational considerations
- Internal Reviews
- Internal Audit

UOW Policy

Academic Policy: A policy with a university-wide application on teaching, learning, research or internationalisation. It must comply with all relevant legislation and rules and will be approved by the highest delegated authority or appropriate UOW committee.

Operational Policy: A policy with university-wide application in respect to the administrative or operational functions of the University. It has an approval pathway that would normally include the [Administrative Committee](#) and the [University Council](#). An authorised delegate of the University Council can also approve policies subject to delegation of authority being included in the resolution of University Council.

UOW Procedures

Documented instructions that give directions to carry out specified actions. Procedures that support policy are mandated directions.

Procedures usually include flowcharts and contain statements dictating how to accomplish a task. The items apply in a particular circumstance. They are written in simple language (often dot points) and the sequence is important.

UOW Guidelines

Good practice advice on how to reach a specific goal or accomplish a task. Guidelines provide "good practice" advice that should be followed unless an alternative approach is identified that is equally effective and compliant with relevant policies