



OASES GRADUATE SCHOOL

ACADEMIC CREDIT, RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) & TRANSFER POLICY

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1. Preamble

- a. Because of the integrative nature of the OASES Graduate School Programs in Sustainability and Social Change, credit transfers or exemptions from parts of the program are only available in very restricted circumstances. Credit transfers and exemptions refer to participants' exemption from a unit in their program based on studies already or concurrently being undertaken at another education institution.

2. Policy and Procedure

- a. No credit transfers for studies undertaken at an external higher education institution are given for the Foundational year in Sustainability and Social Change i.e. the Graduate Certificate. Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or credit transfers is possible for elective units in the Graduate Diploma and Masters program.
- b. The OASES Graduate School has no formal arrangements with other Higher Education Institutions with respect to credit transfer or RPL. We do have informal networks and connections with various institutions in Australia and overseas e.g. Schumacher College in England and California Institute of Integral Studies in California, as well as MIECAT in Melbourne. We encourage, where possible and appropriate, participation in these institutions' programs.

- c. If participants wish to engage in a unit/subject at another institution, or wish to apply for RPL, each case is dealt with on an individual basis. Participants are asked to apply to the Head of School with relevant details of the unit/subject including time, workload, outline of the course and its approach to learning, as well as details regarding assessment and formal documentary evidence of successful completion of the unit.
- d. The application is then referred to the Academic Council, for its assessment of whether the unit to be undertaken, or which has been undertaken, is part of an accredited program, and of equivalence both in formal terms of duration, assessment and level, as well as approach to learning and links to transformative learning and practice. The Academic Council communicates its decisions to the Head of School.
- e. Applicants are also required to present an account of their learning in an appropriate setting within the OASES learning community context, in line with our relational approach to learning.
- f. No credit transfer or RPL is possible for Integrative Conversations units or for the Research Project in the Masters program.

Policy Owner	Chair of Academic Council
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3.1	08 December 2014	Academic Council	Change of program name from 'Integrative and Transformative Studies' to 'Sustainability and Social Change'
3.0	29 July 2013	Academic Council	Relevant procedure change since hiring of first full-time Head of School
2.0	October 2012	Academic Board (now Council)	Clarification of procedures
1.0	November 2007	VRQA	