



University program postnominals

Updated 9 January 2025

University awards – to ensure consistency, the following **qualification** abbreviations should be used.

Qualification type	Abbreviation	Example
Doctor of Philosophy	PhD	PhD
Doctor of	D	DClinDent
Master of	M	MSc
Graduate Diploma in	GDip	GDipPhys
Graduate Certificate in	GCert	GCertCompSc
Professional Certificate in	ProfCert	ProfCertArtHist
Undergraduate Certificate in	UGCert	UGCertAppDataAn
Honours	Hons	BA(Hons)
Bachelor of	B	BSc
Advanced Diploma in	AdvDip	AdvDipAborStMusic
Diploma in	Dip	DipLang
Advanced Certificate in	AdvCert	AdvCertAborStMusic

Award title abbreviations – if you cannot find relevant term(s), please contact apeac@adelaide.edu.au for advice.

A			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Aboriginal	Abor	Anatomy	Anat
Accountancy	Accy	Animal	Animal
Accounting	Acctg	Applied	App
Acute	Acute	Anthropology	Anth
Adaptation	Adapt	Arbitration	Arb
Addiction	Addict	Architecture/Architectural	Arch
Administration	Admin	Art/Arts	A/Art/Arts (ie BA, BArtHist, BCtveArts)
Adult	Adult	Asian	Asian
Advanced	Adv	Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning	AIMLearn
Aerospace	Aero	Astrophysics	Astrophys
Agribusiness	Agribus	Atmospheric Physics	Atmosphys
Agriculture/Agricultural	Agric	Audio	Audio
Alcohol	Alc	Aural	Aural
Anaesthetic	Anaes	Australian	Aust
And	And	Automotive	Auto
Analytics	Analytics	Avionics	Avncs



B			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Banking	Bank	Bioscience	Bio
Based	Based	Biosecurity	Biosec
Behaviour/Behavioural	Behav	Biostatistics	Biostat
Biochemistry	Biochem	Biotechnology	Biotech
Bioinformatics	Bioinf	Building	Bldg
Biological/Biology	Biol	Burns	Burn
Biomedical	Biomed	Business	Bus
Biomolecular	Biomol	Business Administration	BA/BusAdmin (ie MBA, GDipBusAdmin)
Bio Processing	BioProc	Bioscience	Bio

C			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Cardiac	Cardiac	Conducting	Cond
Care	Care	Conflict	Conflict
Career	Career	Conservation	Conserv
Case	Case	Contact	Contact
Change	Change	Contract	Contract
Chemistry/Chemical	Chem	Control	Control
Child	Child	Contemporary	Contemp
Chinese	Chin	Corporate	Corp
Civil	Civil	Counselling	Couns
Classical	Class	Coursework	Crswk
Climate	Clim	Creative	Ctve
Clinical	Clin	Criminology	Crim
Combustion	Combst	Crisis	Crisis
Commerce/Commercial	Com	Critical	Crit
Communication	Comm	Curatorial	Curat
Community	Cty	Cultural	Cult
Comparative	Compar	Customer	Cust
Computer/Computing	Comp	Cyber	Cyber

D			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Data	Data	Diabetes	Diab
Database	Database	Dietetics	Diet
Defence	Def	Digital	Digital
Dental/Dentistry	Dent	Disability/Disabled	Dis
Design	Des	Doctor of Vet Medicine	DVM
Development/al	Dev	Drug	Drug

E			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
E-Business	e-Bus	Engineering	Eng
Early	Early	English	Engl
Economics	Econ	Ensemble	Ens
Ecochemistry	EcoChem	Enterprise	Ent
Ecological/Ecology	Ecol	Entrepreneurship	Entrep
Education/Educational	Ed	Environment/al	Env
Electrical	Elec	Ethic/s	Ethics
Electronic/s	Enic	Evidence	Evid
Emergency	Emerg	Evolution/Evolutionary	Evol
Employment	Emp	Exercise	Ex
Energy	Energy	Executive	Exec
e-Business	e-Bus	Engineering	Eng



F			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Factors	Factors	Flight	Flight
Family	Fam	Food	Food
Film	Film	Forensic	For
Finance/Financial	Fin	French	Fren
Fine	Fine	Future/s	Future/s
Flexible	Flex		

G			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Genetic/Genetics	Gen	Gerontology	Geront
Geology	Geol	Global	Global
Geophysics	Geoph	Governance/Government	Gov
Geosciences	Geosc	Graphics	Graph
Geostatistics	Geostat	Grief	Grief
German	Germ		

H			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Health	Hlth	Horticulture/Horticultural	Hort
Habitat	Habitat	Human	Human
High	High	Humanities	Hum
Higher	Higher	Hygiene	Hyg
History	Hist		

I			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Industrial/Industry	Indus	Instruction	Instr
Imaging	Imaging	Instrument/al	Instrument
Immunology	Immunol	International	Intl
Indonesian	Indo	Intensive	Int
Indigenous	Indig	Intermediate	Intmed
Infection	Infec	Interpreting	Interpret
Information/Informatics	Info	Introductory	Intro
Injury	Inj	Invasive	Inv
Innovation	Innov		

J-K			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Japanese	Japan	Journalism	Journ
Jazz	Jazz	Knowledge/s	Knowl

L			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Laboratory	Lab	Learning	Learn
Language/s	Lang	Legal	Legal
Land/Landscape	Land	Leisure	Leis
Lasers	Lasers	Linguistics	Ling
Law	Law	Literacy/Literature	Lit
Laws (ie BLaws)	LL	Logistics	Log
Leadership	Lead		



M			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Management	Mgt	Microbiology	Microbiol
Marine	Marine	Microelectric/onic	Microelec
Maritime	Mar	Middle	Middle
Marketing	Mktg	Midwifery	Midwif
Material/s	Mat	Mineral	Mineral
Mathematic/s/tical	Math	Minimally	Min
Mechanical	Mech	Mining	Mining
Mechatronic	Mechatr	Multimedia	Multimedia
Media	Media	Mobility	Mob
Medicine/Medical	Med	Molecular	Mol
Mental	Mental	Museum	Museum
Method/s	Method	Music	Mus

N			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Nanoscience	Nanosc	Network/Networking	Net
Nanotechnology	Nanotech	Nurse/Nursing	Nurse/Nursing
Nature/Natural	Nat	Nutrition/Nutritional	Nutr
Needs	Needs		

O			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Occupation/al	Occ	Oral	Oral
Odontology	Odont	Organisation/al	Org
Oenology	Oenol	Orthopaedic	Orth
Oncology	Oncol	Orientation	Or
Online	Online	Osteology	Osteol
Ophthalmology	Opth	Outdoor	Outdoor
Optics	Optics		

P			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Paediatric	Paed	Politics	Pol
Palliative	Pall	Popular	Pop
Peace	Peace	Practice	Prac
Pedagogy	Ped	Practitioner	Practitioner
Performance	Perf	Primary	Prim
Perioperative	Periop	Procurement	Procur
Petroleum	Petrol	Process/Processing	Proc
Pharmacy/tical	Pharm	Product/Production	Prod
Philosophy	Phil	Professional	Prof
Photography	Photo	Program	Prog
Photonics	Phot	Project	Proj
Physiotherapy	Physio	Promotion	Prom
Physics	Phys	Property	Prop
Planning	Plan	Psychology/gical	Psych
Plant	Plant	Public	Pub
Policy	Policy		

Q			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Quality/Qualitative	Qual	Quantity/Quantative	Quant



R			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Recovery	Recov	Relation/s	Rel
Recreation	Rec	Research	Res
Rehabilitation	Rehab	Resource/s	Resource
Regional	Reg	Rural	Rural

S			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Safety	Safety	Social	Soc
School/s	School/Schools	Sociology	Sociol
Science/s	Sc	Software	Soft
Screen	Screen	Sonology	Son
Second/Secondary	Sec	Sound	Sound
Sector	Sector	Space	Space
Secure	Secure	Spatial	Spat
Security	Security	Special	Spec
Self	Self	Statistics	Stat
Sensor	Sens	Structural	Struct
Service/s	Serv	Studies	St
Sexual	Sexual	Superannuation	Super
Signal	Signal	Surgery/Surgical	Surg
Sleep	Sleep	Sustainable/bility	Sust
Small	Small	System/s	Sys

T			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Taxation	Tax	Therapy	Therapy
Teaching	Teach	Tourism	Tourism
Technical/Technology	Tech	Trade	Trade
Telecommunication/s	Telecomm	Train/ing	Train
Tertiary	Tert	Transcultural	Transcult
Theatre	Theatre	Translation	Transltn
Theory	Theory		

U-V			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
University	Uni	Viticulture	Vit
Urban	Urb	Vocational	Voc
Visual	Vis	Vocal	Vocal
Veterinary	Vet		

W-Z			
Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
Water	Water	Work	Work
Waste	Waste	Writing	Wrtg
Web	Web	Years	Years
Welfare	Welf	Youth	Yth
Wine	Wine	Zoology	Zoo

Further enquiries

Email: apeac@adelaide.edu.au