

## PROTOCOLS AND STANDARDS FOR AWARD TITLE WORDS AND THEIR ABBREVIATIONS

### Protocols for Western Sydney University Award Title words and their abbreviations

The following protocols have been used to create standard abbreviations for Western Sydney Award Courses:

- Accepted international form is used where possible
- Abbreviations across all awards are consistent and avoid using the same abbreviated form for unrelated disciplines; for example 'Eng' is used for Engineering and 'Engl' used for English
- There are no spaces (e.g. BSc not B Sc) or punctuation marks (including full stops, slashes, dashes, etc.) between the letters
- The first letter of each abbreviated word is normally capitalised
- Abbreviations are limited to a maximum of 20 characters
- Abbreviations and acronyms are meaningful but as short as possible. There are alternative abbreviations listed for some title words where a shorter abbreviation was needed due to length restrictions.

Award Abbreviations are divided into three sections:

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#### Award Type Abbreviations

Award Type	Abbreviation	Examples
Doctorate	D	EdD, DSc
Doctor of Philosophy	PhD	
Doctor of Philosophy by Publication	PhD	
Doctor of Letters	DLitt	
Doctor of Education	EdD	
Master	M	MEd, MSc
Graduate Diploma	GradDip	GradDipEd
Graduate Certificate	GradCert	GradCertEdSt
Honours	(Hons)	BEd(Hons), MSc(Hons)
Bachelor	B	BEd
Diploma	Dip	DipEd
Associate Diploma	AssocDip	AssocDipSc
Associate Degree	AssocDeg	AssocDegEng
Certificate	Cert	CertEdSt
Undergraduate	UG	UGCrossInst
Postgraduate	PG	PGDipPsy
Qualifying	...Qual	MScHonsQual
Postgraduate Diploma	PGDip	PGDipPsy
Postgraduate Certificate	PGCert	PGCertICT

Note: the individual awards for each component of a double degree are listed separately

#### Discipline/Field of Study Abbreviations

Award Title phrases	Abbreviation (maximum 20 characters)	Additional information or example
"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island(er)/s"	ATSI	No courses use this phrase
"Aboriginal Regional Education Program"	AREP	No courses use this phrase
"Adult Education" (if required due to length restrictions)	AE	Graduate Certificate in Applied Social Sciences (Adult Education)

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"Advanced Business Leadership"	ABL	Bachelor of Business and Commerce (Advanced Business Leadership)
"Bachelor of Arts"	BA	
"Bachelor of Business Administration"	BBA	Bachelor of Business Administration (Accounting and Information Systems)
"Bachelor of Community Welfare"	BCW	
"Bachelor of Laws"	LLB	
"Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery"	MBBS	
"Bachelor of Nursing"	BN	
"Bachelor of Social Work"	BSW	
"Digital Imaging"	DI	Bachelor of Visual Communication (Photography & Digital Imaging)
"Doctor of Business Administration"	DBA	
"Doctor of Creative Arts"	DCA	
"Doctor of Education"	EdD	
"Doctor of Juridical Science"	SJD	
"Early Childhood"	EC	
"Economics and Finance"	E&F	Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) Economics and Finance
"Electronic Business"	e-Bus	
"English as a Second Language"	ESL	No courses use this phrase
"Fine Arts"	FA	
"Human Resource Management"	HRM	
"Human Resources"	HR	No courses use this phrase
"Industrial Relations"	IR	
"Information and Communication/s Technology"	ICT	
"Information Systems"	IS	
"Information Technology"	IT	
"Languages Other Than English"	LOTE	No courses use this phrase
"Master of Arts"	MA	
"Master of Business Administration"	MBA	
"Master of Laws"	LLM	
"Mental Health"	MH	Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Mental Health)
Occupational Health	OH	Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours) Occupational Health & Environment
"Occupational Health & Safety"	OH&S	Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Health & Safety), Graduate Diploma of Applied Science (Occupational Health & Safety)
"Occupational Safety, Health and Environmental Management"	OSHEM	Graduate Diploma of Applied Science (Occupational Safety, Health and Environmental Mgt)
"Occupational Therapy"	OT	
"Personal Development, Health and Physical Education"	PDHPE	Bachelor of Health Science (Honours) Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
"Primary Health Care"	PHC	Graduate Diploma in Advanced Midwifery (Primary Health Care)
"Public Relations"	PR	
"Rural Development"	RD	Master of Applied Science (Agriculture & Rural Development)
"Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages"	TESOL	
"Traditional Chinese Medicine"	TCM	

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"Visual and Performing Arts"	VPA	Associate Diploma in Visual and Performing Arts - Stained Glass
"Vocational Education and Training"	VET	

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Aboriginal	Abor	
Accessible	Access	Master of Accessible Media
Accountancy, Accounting	Acc	
Acting	Acting	
Acupuncture	Acupuncture/Acup	Graduate Certificate in Health Science (Acupuncture)
Acute	Ac	Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Acute Care)
Administration	Admin	
Adolescent	Adol/Ad	Post Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Child and Adolescent Psychology)
Adult	Ad	Graduate Diploma in Adult Education (TESOL)
Advanced	Adv	
Advertising	Advt	
Aged	Aged	
Agribusiness	Agribus	
Agriculture	Ag	
Allergic	Allergic	Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases
Analysis	Anlys	Bachelor of Arts (Cultural and Social Analysis)
Analytical	Analyt	
Animal	Anim	
Animation	Animtn	Bachelor of Communication (Animation and Television Production)
Anthropology	Anth	Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) Social Anthropology
Applied	App	
Arabic	Arabic	Graduate Diploma in Arabic
Areas	Ar	Graduate Diploma in Design for Bushfire Prone Areas
Art	Art	
Arts	Arts	Unless BA or DCA (see above)
Asia, Asian	Asian / As	
Astronomy	Astron	
Australian	Aust / Aus	Diploma in Indigenous Australian Community Studies (AREP) Welfare
Automation	Autom	
Aviation	Av	
Banking	Bank	Diploma in Banking & Finance
Behaviour, Behavioural	Behav	
Bioinformatics	Bioinform	
Biology, Biological	Bio	
Biomedical	Biomed	
Biomolecular	Biomolec	Bachelor of Biomolecular Science
Biotechnology	Biotech	
Birth	Birth	
Building	Bldg	
Built	Built	Bachelor of Arts (Built Environment)
Bushfire	Bfire	Graduate Diploma in, Graduate Certificate in Bushfire Protection, Graduate Diploma in Design for Bushfire Prone Areas
Business	Bus	

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Cardiac	Card / Cardiac	M, Graduate Diploma in, Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Cardiac Nursing)
Cardiopulmonary	Cardio	Master of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation
Care	Care	
Career	Career	Graduate Diploma in Career Education
Ceramics	Ceramics	Associate Diploma in Arts - Ceramics
Change	Chg	Graduate Diploma in Social Science (Change Management)
Chaos	Chaos	Master of Arts (Complexity, Chaos & Creativity)
Chemical, Chemistry	Chem	
Child / Children / Childhood	Ch	
Chinese	Chinese	Graduate Diploma in Chinese
Civil	Civ	
Clinical	Clin	
Commerce, Commercial	Com	
Communication/s, Communicable	Comm	
Community	Cty	
Comparative	Compar	Bachelor of Arts (Comparative Media)
Complementary	Complem	Bachelor of Health Science (Complementary Therapies)
Complexity	Cmpl	MA (Complexity, Chaos & Creativity)
Computer/s, Computing, Computational	Comp	
Conference	Conf	Master of Conference Interpreting
Conservation	Cons	
Construction	Constr	
Consumer	Cons	Graduate Diploma Of Applied Science (Family & Consumer Science)
Contemporary	Contemp	Bachelor of Contemporary Art
Continental	Contl	Master of Arts in Continental Philosophy
Control	Cont	
Convergent	Converg	M, Graduate Certificate in Convergent Media
Corporate	Corp	Bachelor of Science (Corporate Mathematics)
Corrections	Corr	
Counselling	Couns	
Creative, Creativity	Cr	
Criminal, Criminology	Crim	
Critical, Criticism	Crit	
Cultural, Culture/s	Clt	
Dance	Dance	
Data	Data	data processing, data communications (3 courses)
Dean's	Dean's	BA (Dean's Scholars), BA(Interpreting and Translation) Dean's Scholars
Design	Des	
Development/al	Devt	
Diagnosis	Dgn	Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing (Dual Diagnosis)
Difficulties	Diff	Graduate Certificate in Learning Difficulties
Digital	Dig	
Directing	Directing	MA (Directing)
Disability	Disab	
Diseases	Dis	Graduate Certificate in Clinical Practice (Communicable Diseases), Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases
Disorders	Disrds	Graduate Certificate in Behaviour Disorders
Dispute	Disp	

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Diversional	Div	
Dual	Dual	Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing (Dual Diagnosis)
Early	Early	Graduate Certificate in Early Education, Graduate Certificate in Early Intervention
E-Business	e-Bus	
Ecology, Ecological	Ecol	
Economics, Economy	Ec	
Education/al	Ed	
Electrical, Electronic/s	Elec	
Emergency	Em	Graduate Certificate in Social Sciences (Emergency Services), Graduate Diploma in Clinical Practice (Emergency Nursing)
Employment	Emp	
Engineering	Eng	
English	Engl	
Enterprise	Ent	
Environment(s)/al	Env	
Epidemiology	Epidemiology / Epi	
Equine	Equine	Bachelor of Equine Studies, Bachelor of Systems Agriculture (Equine Studies),
Executive	Exec	Executive Master of Business Administration
Exercise	Ex	
Expressive	Expr	Graduate Diploma in, Graduate Certificate in Expressive Therapies
Extended	Ext	
Facility	Facility	Master of Facility Management
Factors	Factors	Master of Human Factors (Aviation)
Family	Fam / F	
Finance, Financial	Fin	
Fire	Fire	
Flying	Flying	Bachelor of Aviation (Flying), Bachelor of Aviation Studies (Flying)
Food	Food / Fd / F	
Forensic	For	
French	French	Graduate Diploma in French
Gene	Gene	Bachelor of Science (Gene Science)
General	Gen	
Geology	Geol	Bach.App.Science-Geology (Transfer)
German	German	Graduate Diploma in German
Gifted	Gift	Graduate Certificate in Gifted Education
Glass	Glass	AssDip in Visual and Performing Arts - Stained Glass
Governance	Governance / Gov	Master of Laws (International Governance)
Gynaecological	Gynae	Master of Advanced Gynaecological Surgery
Health	Hlth	
Hearing	Hr	Dip Special Ed-Hearing Impmt
Higher	H	Graduate Certificate in Teaching & Learning in Higher Education
History	His	
HIV	HIV	
Home	Home	
Horse	Horse	Associate Diploma In Horse Management
Horticultural, Horticulture	Hort	
Hospitality	Hosp	
Hotel	Hotel	Graduate Diploma in International Hospitality and Hotel Management
Housing	Hous	Bachelor of Housing

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Human, Humanitarian	Human	
Humanities	Hum	
Imaging	Imag	
Impairment	Impmt	Dip Special Ed-Hearing Impmt, Dip Special Ed-Visual Impmt
Inclusive	Incl	Master of Inclusive Education
Indigenous	Indg	Diploma in Indigenous Australian Community Studies (AREP) Welfare
Indonesian	Indonesian	Graduate Diploma in Indonesian
Industrial, Industries	Ind	
Infant	Inf / Info	M, Graduate Diploma in, Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Infant, Child and Youth Health)
Infection	Inft	Graduate Diploma in Clinical Practice (Infection Control)
Informatics	Inform	Bachelor of Science (Chemical Informatics), Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics
Information	Inf	
Instrumental, Instrumentation	Instr	
International	Intl	
Interpreting	Interp	
Intervention	Int	Graduate Certificate in Early Intervention
Investment	Inv	
Islamic	Islam	Diploma in Islamic Studies
Italian	Italian	Graduate Diploma in Italian
Japanese	Japanese	Graduate Diploma in Japanese
Journalism	Journ	
Jungian	Jung	
Justice	Just	
Karitane	Karitane / Kar	
Labour	Labour	Master of Labour Relations and Law
Land	Land	
Landscape	Landsc	Bachelor of Landscape Management and Conservation
Language/s	Lang	
Lao-English	Lao-Engl	Graduate Diploma in Interpreting and Translation (Lao-English)
Law	Law	
Laws	L	
Leadership	Lead	
Learning	Learn	
Legal	Leg	
Liberal	Lib	
Linguistics	Ling	
Literacy, Literature	Lit	Master of Arts in Literature and Creative Writing
Management	Mgt	
Mandarin	Mandarin	Graduate Diploma in Mandarin
Manufacturing	Mfg	
Marketing	Mkt	
Materials	Mat	
Mathematical, Mathematics	Math	
Mechanic/al	Mech	
Mechatronic/s	Mechatr	
Media	Med	
Mediation	Mediatn	Graduate Diploma in Mediation Practice, Graduate Certificate in Mediation
Medical, Medicine	Med	
Mental	Ment	

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Mentoring	Mentor	Graduate Certificate in Mentoring
Methods	Meth	Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods
Microbiology	Microbio / Microbiol	
Middle	Mid	Graduate Certificate in Teaching in the Middle Years
Midwifery	Mid / Midwif	
Music	Mus	
Nanotechnology	Nanotech	Bachelor of Medical Science (Nanotechnology), Bachelor of Science (Nanotechnology)
Narrative	Narr	Master of Cultural Psychology(s) (Narrative Studies), Graduate Diploma in Narrative Studies
Natural	Nat	
Naturopathic / Naturopathy	Naturop	
Needs	Needs	Bachelor of Education (Special Needs)
Neonatal	Neonat	
Networked, Networking	Net	Bachelor of Computer Science (Networked Systems), Graduate Certificate in Computing - Networking, Master of Computing (Networking)
Neuroscience	Neurosc	Master of Nursing (Neuroscience)
Non-Flying	NonFlying	Bachelor of Aviation (Non-Flying), Bachelor of Aviation Studies (Non-Flying)
Nurse, Nursing	Nurs	
Nutrition/al	Nutr / N	
Occupational	Occ	
Office	Office	Bachelor of Business (Office Systems Administration)
Operations	Op	
Organisational	Org	
Osteopathic, Osteopathy	Osteo	
Paediatrics	Paed	Master of, Graduate Diploma in, Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Paediatrics)
Painting	Paint	Associate Diploma in Visual and Performing Arts - Painting
Paramedicine	Paramedic	Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedicine)
Pathway	Path	Diploma of Health Science (PDHPE Pathway)
Peace	Pc	Bachelor of Social Science (Humanitarian and Peace Studies)
Pedagogy	Pedag	Graduate Certificate in Singing Pedagogy
People	Ppl / P	Master of, Graduate Certificate in Care and Protection of Children and Young People
Performance, Performing	Perf	
Perioperative	Periop	Master of, Graduate Diploma in, Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Perioperative)
Person, Personnel	Pers	Bachelor of Business (Personnel Management), Bachelor of Business (Person Management and Industrial Relations), Bachelor of Social Science (Criminal Justice Personnel)
Philosophy	Phil	
Photography	Photo	
Physics	Phys	
Physiotherapy	Physio	
Planning	Plan	
Play	Play	Graduate Diploma in Play Specialty, Bachelor of Health Science (Play Speciality)
Podiatric, Podiatry	Pod	

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Police, Policing	Pol	Associate Diploma in Community Studies (Police & Corrections), Diploma of Social Science (Policing), Bachelor of Social Science (Policing)
Policy	Policy	Master of Social Policy, Master of Social Science (Social Policy)
Politics	Polt	
Practical, Practice, Practitioner	Prac	
Primary	Prim	
Processing	Proc	Graduate Diploma in Data Processing, Bachelor of Business (Data Processing)
Production, Productivity	Prod	
Professional	Prof	
Program	Prog	Bachelor of Policing (Leadership Program)
Project	Proj	
Promotion	Prom	Bachelor of Health (Health Promotion), Bachelor of Health (Health Promotion/ Health Services Management), Bachelor of Health Science (Health Promotion)
Prone	Prone	Graduate Diploma in Design for Bushfire Prone Areas
Property	Prop	
Protection	Prot	
Psychology, Psychopathology	Psy	
Psychotherapy	Psychother	
Public	Pub	
Publishing	Pub	
Purchasing	Purch	
Quality	Qual	
Quantitative	Quant	Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods
Recreation	Rec	
Rehabilitation	Rehab	
Relations	Rel	
Renal	Renal	Master of, Graduate Diploma in, Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Renal)
Reproductive	Rep	
Research, Researching	Res	Graduate Certificate in Researching Mathematics Learning
Resolution	Resn	
Resource	Rsce	
Retail	Ret	Bachelor of Business and Commerce (Retail Management)
Robotics	Rob	Bachelor of Engineering (Robotics and Mechatronics)
Safety	Safe / Safety	
Scholars	Schol	Bachelor of Arts (Dean's Scholars), Bachelor of Arts (Interpreting and Translation) Dean's Scholars
School	Sch	
Science/s	Sc	
Screen	Scrn	Bachelor of Arts (Art History and Screen Cultures)
Screenwriting	Scrnwrtg	Master of Arts (Screenwriting)
Secondary	Sec	
Secretarial	Secr	Associate Diploma in Secretarial Studies, Bachelor of Business (Secretarial Studies)
Security	Sec	Bachelor of Natural Science (Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security)
Service/s	Serv	



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Singing	Sing	Graduate Certificate in Singing Pedagogy
Small	Sm	Associate Diploma in Small Business Management, Associate Diploma in Business (Small Business Management)
Social	Soc	
Society	Society	Bachelor of Social Science (Society and Politics)
Sociology	Sociol	
Software	Soft	Master of Computing (Software Engineering), Bachelor of Computer Science (Software Engineering)
Sonography	Son	Graduate Diploma in Cardiac Sonography
Space	Space	
Spanish	Spanish	Graduate Diploma in Spanish
Special, Speciality	Spec	
Sport/s	Sp	
Stained	Stn	Associate Diploma in Visual and Performing Arts - Stained Glass
Studies	St	
Supervision	Sup	Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision
Support	Supp	
Surgery, Surgical	Surg	Master of Advanced Gynaecological Surgery, Master of, Graduate Diploma in, Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Surgical)
Sustainable, Sustainability	Sust	Bachelor of Natural Science (Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security)
Systems	Sys	
Taxation	Tax	
Teaching	Teach	
Technical, Technology, Technologies	Tech	
Telecommunications	Telecomm	
Television	TV	Graduate Certificate in Television Technical Operations, Bachelor of Communication (Animation and Television Production)
Text	Txt	Bachelor of Arts (English, Text and Writing), Bachelor of Arts (Text and Writing)
Theatre / Theatremaking / Theatrecraft	Thtre	
Theology	Theol	
Theory	Th	
Therapeutic, Therapy, Therapies	Ther	
Thinking	Think	Bachelor of Applied Leadership and Critical Thinking
Total	Tot	Graduate Certificate in, Graduate Diploma in Total Quality and Productivity, Master of Commerce (Total Quality and Productivity)
Tourism	Trsm	
Trade	Trade	Master of International Trade and Finance
Translation	Trans	
Trauma	Trauma	Graduate Certificate in, Master of Nursing (Trauma)
Urban	Urb	
Valuation	Val	
Vietnamese	Vietnamese	Graduate Diploma in Vietnamese
Visual	Vis	
Viticulture	Vit	
Web	Web	Master of Information Technology (Web Engineering & Design)
Welfare	Welf	

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Wine, Winemaking	Wine	
Women's	Wom	Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies
Work	Wrk	
Workplace	Wkplc	
Writing	Wr	
Years	Yrs	
Young	Yng	Master of, Graduate Certificate in Care and Protection of Children and Young People
Youth	Yth	
Zoology	Zool	Bachelor of Science (Zoology)

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