

# Master of Philosophy

UNDA Course Code Varies Depending on Discipline

## INTRODUCTION

The Master of Philosophy is a postgraduate research degree comprising both coursework and a substantial research component culminating in the submission of a dissertation.

- **Master of Philosophy (Arts)**  
Course code: 5124 CRICOS Code: 078922B
- **Master of Philosophy (Business)**  
Course code: 5125 CRICOS Code: 078918J
- **Master of Philosophy (Education)**  
Course code: 5126 CRICOS Code: 078924M
- **Master of Philosophy (Law)**  
Course code: 5128 CRICOS Code: 078922B
- **Master of Philosophy (Philosophy & Theology)**  
Course code: 5129 CRICOS Code: 078922B
- **Master of Philosophy (Medicine)**  
Course code: 5119 CRICOS Code: 061767C
- **Master of Philosophy (Nursing)**  
Course code: 5118 CRICOS Code: 061765E

## SUPERVISION

Each candidate will be assigned University-based supervisors who will provide support and academic guidance throughout the coursework and research components of the degree. The research supervisors will assist the candidate with the early preparation of their research proposal as part of the coursework unit - Developing a Research Proposal. The research supervisors will continue to mentor and direct the candidate throughout the research phase and until the thesis is examined.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

The coursework is comprised of four coursework units to be completed as a prerequisite to the student's individual research project. The coursework units will provide opportunities for candidates to formulate substantial elements of their planned research (e.g. topic refinement, identification and justification of the preferred research method(s), preparation of a draft proposal) and to develop personal competencies in critical analysis and scholarly writing relevant to their profession.

Within some faculties, a compulsory sequence of units exists. The structure of the degree in these cases is as follows:

Coursework component (1/3 of degree; 0.5 year full-time study)

- Quantitative Research Methods
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Independent Reading Unit
- Developing a Research Proposal

Research component (2/3 of degree; 1 year full-time study)

Candidates will, ideally, complete the four coursework units within the first full-time (or equivalent) semester/s of enrolment. The completion of the coursework is facilitated by a unit delivery schedule which takes into consideration that a majority of candidates will be in full-time employment during their candidature. An average grade standard of Credit must be achieved in the coursework as a prerequisite for proceeding to the research component.

Before submitting an application for study to the university you MUST discuss your application with a suitably qualified member of the academic staff, preferably one you wish to be your research supervisor.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Normally, the following criteria are required for a student to be admitted to the MPhil program:

- Possession of an undergraduate degree from a recognised university, which has been completed at a high credit standard and which demonstrates the applicant's potential to undertake and complete research-based study.
- An equivalent academic background or extensive professional experience that is considered by the Dean of the School to be an appropriate preparation for independent study and research work at Masters level.
- An applicant may be required to satisfy the Dean of the School of the ability to understand and communicate in both written and spoken English at a level adequate for the purpose of pursuing the program of study.

## COURSE DURATION

- The standard time for completion of the Master of Philosophy (not including periods of approved leave of absence) will normally be one and a half calendar years for full-time study.
- Part-time study is also available.
- The minimum time for completion will normally be one year of full time study. This is normally only applicable for students with prior research experience or qualifications.

## FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS

### Domestic Students

According to the Higher Education Support Act 2003, domestic research students are eligible to have all Higher Degree by Research (HDR) course fees paid for by the Commonwealth Government under the Research Training Program (RTP) for the length of their degree.

Domestic students are also encouraged to apply for both an *Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)* and the *University Postgraduate Award (UPA)* offered through The University of Notre Dame Australia. These scholarships are very competitive and are awarded to students of exceptional research potential. The scholarships are for the purpose of assisting with general living costs for the duration of the research degree.

### International Students

All international research students are required to pay full fees for the length of their research degree. Please refer to the International Prospectus for current cost per year to complete a Master of Philosophy.

All international students are encouraged to apply for the *Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (EIPRS)* or the University equivalent International Fee Remission Research Scholarship (IFRRS), and both the *Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)* and *University Postgraduate Award (UPA)*. The EIPRS provides annual fee remission for the successful applicant(s) and meets the cost of a standard Overseas Student Health Cover Policy for the student for the period of the course. The IFRRS covers the annual fee remission for the successful candidate; however students will need to pay for their own Overseas Student Health Cover.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further information regarding the course, or information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself please contact the Prospective Students Centre on (02) 8204 4404 or at [sydney@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au); or contact the Sydney Research Office on (02) 8204 4426 or at [sydney.research@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney.research@nd.edu.au).

All International enquiries should be directed to the International Office at [sydney.international@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney.international@nd.edu.au).

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### Prospective Students Office

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### Admissions Office

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