



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

## PROGRAM REGULATIONS: Master of Philosophy

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| 5118 Master of Philosophy (Nursing) MPhil               | CRICOS Code: 061765E |
| 5119 Master of Philosophy (Medicine) MPhil              | CRICOS Code: 061767C |
| 5124 Master of Philosophy (Arts&Sc) MPhil(Arts)         | CRICOS Code: 078922B |
| 5125 Master of Philosophy (Business) MPhil(Bu)          | CRICOS Code: 078918J |
| 5126 Master of Philosophy (Education) MPhil (Ed)        | CRICOS Code: 078924M |
| 5127 Master of Philosophy (Health Sciences) MPhil(Heal) | CRICOS Code: 061767C |
| 5128 Master of Philosophy (Law) MPhil(Law)              | CRICOS Code: 078922B |
| 5129 Master of Philosophy (Phil&Theol) MPhil(Theo)      | CRICOS Code: 078922B |
| 5130 Master of Philosophy (Physiotherapy) MPhil(Phys)   | CRICOS Code: 061767C |

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## 2 AMENDMENTS

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Amendments to these regulations will be made in accordance with the General Regulations.

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## 3 PURPOSE

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These Program Regulations set out the approved requirements for the Master of Philosophy.

## 4 OVERVIEW

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### 4.1 Campus Availability

The Master of Philosophy has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus and the Sydney Campus.

### 4.2 Student Availability

The Master of Philosophy is available for enrolment to domestic Students and international Students with a student visa.

### 4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Master of Philosophy is accredited by the University as a Level 9 AQF qualification.

### 4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Master of Philosophy is one and a half (1.5) years of equivalent full-time study.

An option to complete this Program Part-time is available to domestic Students.

An accelerated option to complete the Program is not available.

### 4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Master of Philosophy Award is two (2) years full time, or four (4) years part-time, excluding periods of approved leave of absence.

### 4.6 Study Mode

The Master of Philosophy is offered in Internal and External Study Mode.

### 4.7 Professional Accreditation

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program.

## 5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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### 5.1 University Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the [University's minimum requirements for admission](#). The requirements for admission are detailed in the University's Policy: *Admissions*.

### 5.2 Specific Program Requirements for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the Master of Philosophy applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.

5.2.1 Applicants to the master's program are expected to satisfy the following criteria:

5.2.1.1 Possession of a Bachelor's degree (AQF level 7 qualification); or

5.2.1.2 In exceptional circumstances, an equivalent academic or professional background that is considered by the Dean of the School to be an appropriate preparation for independent study and research work at master's level.

5.2.2 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.

## 6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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6.1 There are no Practicum or Internship requirements in this Award.

## 7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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### 7.1 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the [name of program] graduates will be able to:

1. Interpret a body of literature and employ relevant research methodologies to develop a theoretical understanding of recent advances, concepts and questions in a substantial area of knowledge;
2. Show an awareness of the ethical dimensions of the environment in which research occurs;
3. Summarise, document, report and reflect on progress;
4. Construct coherent arguments and disseminate new knowledge to peers and the community;
5. Generate new knowledge comprising a substantial and original contribution to a body of knowledge or area of professional practice; and
6. Work independently and be self-reliant, exercising advanced project planning skills, authoritative judgement, flexibility and open-mindedness.

### 7.2 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of Master of Philosophy students must complete:

- Up to 100 units of credit comprising RSCH7003 (or equivalent unit approved by the Dean) and up to three 25 units of credit of research training coursework courses as decided in consultation with the Dean or delegate.
- A minimum of a credit average in the coursework courses is required to maintain satisfactory progress in the degree.
- RSCH7003 (or equivalent course approved by the Dean) must be completed with at least a credit grade in the first semester of full-time or equivalent enrolment.
- Supervised Research courses totaling 200 units of credit.

### 7.3 Elective Courses

Electives are approved by School Deans as research training courses and must be at Masters level or above.

### 7.4 Course substitutions

There are no approved course substitutions permitted in this Award.

### 7.5 Special Award Requirements

There are no special award requirements in the Master of Philosophy.

### 7.6 Additional Study

7.6.1 A student may, on the determination of the Pro Vice Chancellor-Research, after consultation with the Dean and the Supervisor/s, be required to undertake additional studies in the relevant content area if his/her background is deemed to be lacking in contemporary knowledge and understanding.

7.6.2 A student may, on the determination of the Pro Vice Chancellor-Research after consultation with the Dean and the Supervisor/s, be required to undertake additional studies in coursework relevant to the acquisition of required research knowledge and skills.

### 7.7 Thesis

The thesis component is an original, systematic and advanced level investigation into a significant question, problem or phenomenon. The thesis topic must be a substantial and original contribution to knowledge.

## 8 DEFINITIONS

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For the purpose of these Regulations, the following definitions are available in the General Regulations.

- Leave of Absence
- Major
- Units of Credit
- Pre-requisite Course
- Minor
- Elective
- Co-requisite Course
- Specialisation
- General Elective

## 9 LIST OF APPENDICES

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### APPENDIX A: Master of Philosophy

The indicative plan below is an example only

**Units of  
Credit**

**Coursework Courses**

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| RSCH7003 Developing a Research Proposal* | 25 |
| XXXX Relevant research training course   | 25 |
| XXXX Relevant research training course   | 25 |
| XXXX Relevant research training course   | 25 |

**Supervised Research Courses**

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| RSCHXXXX Supervised Research* (as appropriate to enrolment load and discipline) | 200 |
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**TOTAL 300**

\* next to a course indicates it is compulsory