



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

PROGRAM REGULATIONS: Masters by Research

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5097 Master of Business (MBus)	CRICOS Code: 023754A
5112 Master of Education (MEd)	CRICOS Code: 073035G
5090 Master of Health Sciences (MHIthSc)	CRICOS Code: 065272E
5044 Master of Laws (MLaw)	CRICOS Code: 073036F
5113 Master of Religious Education (MREd)	CRICOS Code: 073040K
5092 Master of Science (Medicine) (MSc(Med))	CRICOS Code: 078799M
5120 Master of Science (Arts & Sciences) (MSc)	CRICOS Code: 075784J
5121 Master of Science (Physiotherapy) (MSc)	CRICOS Code: 075783K
5115 Master of Theology MTheol	CRICOS Code: 073041J

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2 AMENDMENTS

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

Version	Date Amended	Amendment Details	Approved by
1	January 2008	Amendments to program regulations	PVC, Research
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3 PURPOSE

These Program Regulations set out the approved requirements for the Masters by Research.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Masters by Research has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus, Broome Campus and the Sydney Campus.

4.2 Student Availability

The Masters by Research is available for enrolment to domestic Students and international Students with a student visa.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Masters by Research is accredited by the University as a Level 9 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Masters by Research is two (2) years of equivalent full-time study.

A student is able to enrol in these Awards on a part-time basis. The minimum enrolment load permitted is 0.5 FTE in any given semester.

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 Masters by Research 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 Masters by Research 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

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 Research applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.

- 5.2.1 Possession of an undergraduate degree from a recognised University, which has been completed at a superior standard and which demonstrates the applicant's potential to undertake and complete a research based study at AQF level 9 equivalence; and
- 5.2.2 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 Masters level.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

6.1 There are no Practicum or Internship requirements in these Awards.

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Master of Research 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 Research students must complete Supervised Research courses which are discipline-appropriate and in accordance with enrolment load (see Appendix A).

7.3 Elective Courses

There are no elective courses in the Master of Research.

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 Masters by Research Awards.

7.6 Alternative Pathways

Alternative pathways are not applicable for these Awards.

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.

7.8 Additional Study

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 courses relevant to the acquisition of required research knowledge and skills.

7.9 Graduation

Where a student has satisfied all the requirements of these Awards as detailed in these Program Regulations and the General Regulations, the University may grant the student graduation status.

7.10 Exit Awards

An Exit Award pathway is not available for these Awards.

7.11 Honours

The Masters Degrees by Research Awards are not offered with Honours.

8 DEFINITIONS

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

APPENDIX A: Masters by Research: Indicative Award Structure

YEAR ONE						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	
RSCHXXXX	Supervised Research	100	RSCHXXXX	Supervised Research	100	
Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1		100	Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2		100	
					Total Units of credit Year One	200

YEAR TWO						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	
RSCHXXXX	Supervised Research	100	RSCHXXXX	Supervised Research	100	
Total Units of Credit for Y2 S1		100	Total Units of Credit for Y2 S2		100	
					Total Units of credit Year Two	200
					TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:	400