PROGRAM REGULATIONS
RESEARCH OFFICE

MASTERS BY RESEARCH

Masters degrees approved to be offered as Research degrees:

Master of Arts (5096) MA
Master of Business (5097) MBus
Master of Education (5112) Med(Thes)
Master of Health Sciences (5090) MHlthSc
Master of Laws (5044) MLaw(Thes)
Master of Religious Education (5113) MRelEd
Master of Science (Medicine) (5092) MSc(Med)
Master of Science (Arts & Sciences) (5120) MSc
Master of Science (Physiotherapy) (5121) MSc
Master of Theology (5115) MTheol(Ths)

PROGRAM CODES: 5044, 5090, 5092, 5096, 5097, 5112, 5113, 5115, 5120, & 5121

THESE PROGRAM REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM 1.1.2018
RESEARCH OFFICE

1. These Program Regulations apply to all students who are enrolled in these Awards on the Broome, Fremantle and Sydney Campuses.

2. The Pro Vice Chancellor-Research is the responsible Executive of these Program Regulations.

3. The contact officer for this document is the Director, Research Office, Fremantle Campus.

MODIFICATION HISTORY

1. These Program Regulations are effective from 1 January 2018.

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1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Introduction
These Program Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Masters Degrees by Research Awards at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the University’s General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

1.2 Interpretation
The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University’s General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

1.3 Amendments made to Program Regulations
Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of these Awards, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University
These Awards are available on the Broome, Fremantle and Sydney Campuses.

1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)
The Masters Degrees by Research Awards are level 9 AQF qualifications.
2 ENTRY CRITERIA

2.1 General Criteria
The standard entry requirements for admission are detailed in the University’s General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

2.2 Additional Entry Requirements / Pre-Requisites
Applicants to these Awards are expected to satisfy the following criteria:

2.2.1 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.

2.2.2 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.

2.3 External Accreditation Requirements
External accreditation requirements are not applicable to these Awards.
3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Structure
For the Masters Degrees by Research Awards Structure, refer to Appendix A.

Masters Degrees by Research

3.1.1 Compulsory Courses
Supervised Research courses which are discipline-appropriate and in accordance with enrolment load (see Appendix A).

3.1.2 Elective Courses
There are no Electives within these Awards.

3.1.3 Majors and Double Majors
There are no Majors or Double Majors available in these Awards.

3.1.4 Minors
There are no Minors available in these Awards.

3.1.5 Specialisations
There are no Specialisations permitted in these Awards.

3.1.6 Special Interest Courses
There are no Special Interest Courses available in these Awards.

3.2 Special Award Requirements
There are no Special Award Requirements in the Masters by Research Awards.

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

3.4 Approved Course substitutions
There are no approved Course substitutions permitted in these Awards.

3.5 Alternative Pathways
Alternative pathways are not applicable for these Awards.

3.6 Volume of Learning

3.6.1 Standard Duration
(a) The standard duration for the Masters Degrees by Research Awards is 2 years of equivalent full-time study.

(b) 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.

3.6.2 Accelerated Duration
An accelerated mode is not available for these Awards.
3.6.3 Maximum Duration
The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Masters Degree by Research Awards is 6 years.

3.7 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.

3.8 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.

3.9 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.

3.10 Exit Awards
An Exit Award pathway is not available for these Awards.

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

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# APPENDIX A: Indicative Award Structure: Masters by Research

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