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# **COURSE REGULATIONS**

## **RESEARCH OFFICE**

**MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY**  
MPhil

**COURSE CODES: 5118, 5119, 5124, 5125, 5126,  
5127, 5128, 5129 & 5130**

THESE COURSE REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM 1.1.2017

## RESEARCH OFFICE

1. These Course Regulations apply to all students who are enrolled in this Award on the Broome, Fremantle and Sydney Campuses.
2. The Dean of the relevant School is the responsible Executive of these Course Regulations.
3. The contact officer for this document is the Director, Research Office, Sydney or Fremantle as appropriate.

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# 1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

## 1.1 Introduction

These Course Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Master of Philosophy Award 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 Course Regulations

Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Master of Philosophy Award, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

## 1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University

The Master of Philosophy Award is available on the Fremantle and Sydney Campuses only.

## 1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

The Master of Philosophy Award is a Level 9 AQF qualification.

## **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**

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

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

2.2.2.2 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 master's level.

2.2.2 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.

### **2.3 External Accreditation Requirements**

External accreditation requirements are not applicable to this Award.

## 3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

### 3.1 Structure

For the Master of Philosophy Award Structure, refer to Appendix A.

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#### 3.1.1 Compulsory Units

- Up to a 100 credit points comprising RSCH7003 (Developing a Research Proposal) and up to three 25 credit point research training coursework units as decided in consultation with the Dean or delegate.
- A minimum of a credit average in the coursework units is required to maintain satisfactory progress in the degree.
- In addition, a credit in RSCH7003 is required before enrolling in supervised research. RSCH7003 must be taken in the first semester of full-time or equivalent enrolment.
- Supervised Research units totaling 200 credit points.

#### 3.1.2 Elective Units

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

#### 3.1.3 Majors and Double Majors

There are no Majors or Double Majors available in this Award.

#### 3.1.4 Minors

There are no Minors available in this Award.

#### 3.1.5 Specialisations

There are no Specialisations permitted in this Award.

#### 3.1.6 Special Interest Units

There are no Special Interest Units available in this Award.

### 3.2 Special Award Requirements

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

### 3.3 Practicum or Internship requirements

There are no Practicum or Internship requirements in this Award.

### 3.4 Approved unit substitutions

There are no approved unit substitutions permitted in this Award.

### 3.5 Alternative Pathways

There are no alternative pathways for the Master of Philosophy.

### 3.6 Volume of Learning

#### 3.6.1 Standard Duration

- (a) The standard duration for the Master of Philosophy Award is 1.5 years of full-time study
- (b) A domestic student is able to enrol in this Award on a part-time basis.

#### 3.6.2 Accelerated Duration

An accelerated mode is not available for the Master of Philosophy Award.

### **3.6.3 Maximum Duration**

The maximum period of time in which a student is permitted to complete the Master of Philosophy Award is four years for a full-time student and eight years for a part-time student (including any periods of approved leave of absence). Extensions of enrolment beyond two years FTE are possible only with the approval of the Pro Vice Chancellor-Research.

### **3.7 Additional Study**

**3.7.1** 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.

**3.7.2** 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.

### **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 the Master of Philosophy Award as detailed in these Course Regulations and the General Regulations, the University may grant the student graduation status.

### **3.10 Exit Awards**

An Exit Award pathway is not available with this Award.

### **3.11 Honours**

The Master of Philosophy is not offered with Honours.

**END OF REGULATIONS**



**APPENDIX A: Master of Philosophy**

<b><u>Coursework units</u></b>	<b># credit points</b>	<b>totals</b>
RSCH7003 Developing a Research Proposal*	25	
XXXX Relevant research training unit	25	
XXXX Relevant research training unit	25	
XXXX Relevant research training unit	25	100
<b><u>Supervised research units</u></b>		
<u>SRXXXX Supervised Research* (as appropriate to enrolment load and discipline)</u>		<u>200</u>
		300

A \* next to a unit indicates it is compulsory