Overview

The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) is a research degree that includes a coursework component designed to help you develop research techniques appropriate to your area of study.

The MPhil has the flexibility to be undertaken as a written thesis or as a research by design thesis, (with a proportionally reduced written component.) The program requires submission of either a scholarly written thesis (maximum 40,000 words) or a combined design output and scholarly written component (maximum 20,000 words).

This program involves a minimum of 1.5 years full-time study, maximum 2 years. The masters thesis should be submitted for examination within 2 years of full-time study.

The coursework component of the program normally comprises three courses (totalling 18 Units of Credit):

- **BENV7020 Research Seminar**
- Two electives from a postgraduate coursework program in BE (Built Environment)

Most courses are offered in only one semester per year. Some courses may not be offered every year. Please check course availability prior to enrolment.

See [UNSW Higher Degree Research Learning Outcomes](#).
Faculty of Built Environment

Campus
Kensington

Study Level
Research

Typical duration
1.7 Years

Delivery Mode
Face-to-face, Research

Academic Calendar
Research Calendar

Minimum Units of Credit
72

Award type
Masters (Research)

Award(s)
Master of Philosophy -
MPhil

CRICOS Code
060621G
Admission Requirements

Entry Requirements

As a general guide, the minimum requirement for admission to a Master of Philosophy in UNSW Built Environment is an appropriate undergraduate degree in the relevant discipline from UNSW or a qualification considered equivalent from another university or tertiary institution at a level acceptable to the faculty’s Higher Degree Committee, usually at honours level.

English language requirements also apply: English Language Requirements

For full admission, application and enrolment requirements: How to Apply and Enrol Research Degree

For more information about admission requirements for various UNSW programs, visit the following website(s):

Domestic Students
International Student
**Additional Information**

If you are considering applying for enrolment in a Master of Philosophy, it is a requirement that you contact prospective supervisors to determine in advance if they are in a position to supervise your research topic. It is recommended that you make initial contact via email. If you are local, you should then arrange a face-to-face meeting; if overseas, ideally arrange a SKYPE interview.

The Faculty of Built Environment also requires that every Higher Degree Research applicant submit an Expression of Interest prior to applying to the university via the central online portal. For more information, please see: [Built Environment Future Students](#)

For further information on policies, procedures and forms, see the [Graduate Research](#) website.
Program Fees

At UNSW fees are generally charged at course level and therefore dependent upon individual enrolment and other factors such as student's residency status. For generic information on fees and additional expenses of UNSW programs, click on one of the following:

Domestic Students
Commonwealth Supported Students
International Students
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