Overview

The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) is designed to provide an opportunity for students to develop research competence in a limited timeframe.

The program duration is 1.5 years full-time or 3 years part-time. The minimum length of candidature is 1 year and the maximum length is 2 years.

See UNSW Higher Degree Research Learning Outcomes.

Conversion from an MPhil to a PhD program is possible conditional on:

(i) satisfactory annual progress review, confirmation of candidature in accordance with UNSW Procedures for Review of Higher Degree Research Candidatures and with the approval of the UNSW Canberra Higher Degree Committee; and

(ii) satisfactory completion of the coursework component.

Program structure

The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) consists of an examinable coursework component and thesis comprising 72 Units of Credit:

- A program of advanced study, comprising 18-24 Units of Credit of coursework makes up the remainder of the program. The coursework component will normally comprise three or four courses selected from the Coursework Masters offering for the relevant discipline and approved by the Head of School. Candidates may undertake interdisciplinary studies subject to approval.
- A thesis embodies the result of an original investigation, design or engineering development. The thesis shall not exceed more than 40,000 words on an approved topic to the value of 48 - 54 units of credit.
Before enrolment an applicant should submit an intended program for approval by the School controlling the research discipline for the degree. The School will ensure that the coursework component is relevant to, or complements, the research component, and that the candidate satisfies pre-requisite requirements for the study.
Faculty
UNSW Canberra at ADFA

Campus
Canberra

Study Level
Research

Typical duration
1.5 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
Admission Requirements

Entry Requirements

The minimum requirement for admission to a Master of Philosophy is an appropriate Bachelor degree in the relevant discipline from UNSW or a qualification considered equivalent from another university or tertiary institution at a level acceptable to the UNSW Canberra Higher Degree Committee, usually at Honours level.

In exceptional cases, an applicant who submits evidence of such other academic and professional qualifications as may be approved by the Higher Degree Committee may be permitted to enrol for the degree. If the Higher Degree Committee is not satisfied with the qualifications submitted by an applicant, the applicant may be required to undergo such assessment or carry out such work as the Higher Degree Committee may prescribe, before permitting enrolment.

In addition to these academic requirements, the Head of School must certify that there is an appropriate supervisor available for the proposed research program and that the necessary facilities and resources required to successfully complete the research are available.

For further information, see the Admission to Higher Degree Research Programs Procedure.

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

Domestic Students
International Student
Additional Information

Prospective students are strongly advised to make contact with a potential supervisor and the UNSW Canberra Research Student Unit before applying for research study at the University.

Further information about the MPhil program and scholarships at UNSW Canberra can be found by emailing a query via rsu@adfa.edu.au

Please refer to the UNSW Canberra Future Students website for further information on how to apply, scholarships, English language requirements, thesis preparation and other research related matters.

Further Information

- Progress Review and Confirmation of Research Candidature Procedure
- Thesis Examination Procedures

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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