Overview

The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of UNSW Sydney offers the opportunity to gain valuable interdisciplinary research training that meets the needs of twenty-first-century researchers and leaders of society. It consists of three compulsory courses and a 25,000 word research thesis supervised by our academic experts. You will complete 1 common compulsory course, 1 specialisation-specific course and 1 discipline-specific course, each focusing on research training from broad, foundational work through trans-disciplinary study to specialisation. The different MPhil specialisations provide grounding in fields that are unlike traditional “majors”. Instead they are closely aligned with the Faculty’s diverse research strengths, the expertise of its staff, and the employment market. The program is especially suited to individuals with an undergraduate degree who wish to return from the workforce to develop research skills and explore contemporary problems from cross-disciplinary points of view. Successful completion of the degree may qualify for admission to doctoral level research.
Faculty
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Campus
Kensington

Study Level
Research

Typical duration
1.5 Years

Delivery Mode
Face-to-face

Intake Period
Term 1

Academic Calendar
3+ Calendar

Minimum Units of Credit
72

Award type
Masters (Research)

Award(s)
Master of Philosophy - MPhil

CRICOS Code
0101259
Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate knowledge of recent developments in ethical practices in Humanities and Social Sciences research
   Scholars Global Citizens Professionals

2. The overarching graduate attributes and learning outcomes of UNSW HDR graduates are outlined here: https://research.unsw.edu.au/document/UNSW%20HDR%20Graduate%20Attributes%20and%20Learning%20Outcomes.pdf
   Professionals Global Citizens Scholars Leaders

3. Apply specific frameworks, methods and techniques from the humanities and social sciences to the design of interdisciplinary research projects
   Scholars Leaders

4. Apply writing and communications skills to the analysis and critique of interdisciplinary humanities and social sciences practices and associated discourses
   Scholars

5. Demonstrate cognitive, technical and creative skills in generating and evaluating complex ideas and concepts pertaining to humanities and social sciences.
   Leaders Scholars

6. Apply advanced knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to the Humanities and Social Sciences.
   Scholars Professionals

Graduate Capabilities:
For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
Program Structure

Students must complete 72 UOC as a standalone program.

Specialisations

Students must complete at least one of the specialisations below.

RESEARCH:

ARTSGR | 72 UOC
Health and Well-being

ARTSHR | 72 UOC
Creative Arts

ARTSIR | 72 UOC
Knowledges and Ethical Practices

ARTSJR | 72 UOC
Global and First Nations Studies

Additional Information

Please note the MPhil is a "termination" degree. Students must complete it before applying for MA(Res) or PhD.

Enrolment Disclaimer

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Admission Requirements

Entry Requirements

Admission to the Master of Philosophy program in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences requires a bachelor's degree in a cognate discipline with credit average result (WAM 70). Applicants also have to submit a research proposal and find an available and suitable supervisor.

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

Domestic Students
International Student
Program Requirements

Progression Requirements

Progression rules are in accordance with the UNSW policy.

For more information on university policy on progression requirements please visit Academic Progression.
Pathways

Post Graduate

Doctor of Philosophy - PhD

1110 Indigenous Studies

Faculty: DVC (Academic) Board of Studies
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 to 4 Years

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Doctor of Philosophy - PhD

1271 Humanities

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 to 4 Years

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Doctor of Philosophy - PhD

1272 Social Sciences

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 to 4 Years

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Doctor of Philosophy - PhD

1273 Creative Practice

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 to 4 Years

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Doctor of Social Work - DSW

1744 Social Work
Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years

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Doctor of Public Policy & Governance - DPPG
1746 Public Policy & Governance

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years

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Master of Arts - MA
2353 Arts

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 96
Typical Duration: 2 Years

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Professional Outcomes

Career Opportunities

Education Professionals, Research and Development Manager, Health and Welfare Services Managers, Health and Welfare Support Workers, Health Information Manager, Policy Analyst, Policy and Planning Manager, Journalists and Other Writers, Tertiary Education Teachers, Arts and Media Professionals
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
Pre-2019 Handbook Editions

Access past handbook editions (2018 and prior)
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