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Professional Doctorate in Applied Psychology (669AA)

The course caters for four-year trained psychology students who are seeking a higher qualification with a more extensive research practice component than the Masters in Applied Psychology. After a minimum of two years study and on successful completion of the coursework, and placement components (Supervised Practice M1, M2 and M3) students are eligible to apply for registration to the Psychologists Registration Board of the ACT and for full membership of the Australian Psychological Society.

In addition to the requirements for the MAppPsych (Counselling) students complete an additional thesis component of 12 cp and an additional supervised practice component of 12 cp.

Course Duration:

Six semesters minimum full-time, up to 16 semester in part-time mode of study.

Admission Requirements:

A degree of bachelor with honours (or another qualification deemed by the University Admissions Committee to be equivalent) in a relevant course, and at least five years of professional practice in a relevant field. As well, a candidate must be able to provide evidence of the capacity to undertake specialised study at a doctoral level, and of superior professional performance (creatively and/or intellectually and/or technically) in the chosen field. Candidates wishing to undertake this course should make initial application to the Faculty's Research and Higher Degrees Committee for agreement as to the suitability of the project to be carried out.

Admission Requirements:

Applicants for the DPsych must have (a) an accredited four-year honours degree in psychology or a three-year accredited degree in psychology plus an accredited fourth year of study in psychology, (b) at least five years professional practice in a relevant field, and (c) demonstrate evidence of professional experience emphasizing work done of a recognised high professional standard. Applicants may be required to undertake an interview and provide referees' reports in relation to their professional skills and experience.

Students wishing to transfer to the DPsych from the MAppPsych (Counselling) should make application on the completion of the first full-time year of study in the MAppPsych (Counselling). Such applications should be made prior to enrolment in the Masters Thesis Preparation M1.

Course Requirements:

The course consists of coursework, supervised practice and an advanced level research project. These amount to a total of 72 credit points. The coursework component comprises 33.3% (24 credit points), the supervised practice comprises 33.3% (24 credit points) and the research component comprises 33.3% (24 credit points).

Students' rate of progress through the course will depend on their full-time or part-time enrolment status. Full-time students (and all International Students) are required to take the following coursework subjects in the semesters indicated.

Typical full-time Course Structure Professional Doctorate in Applied Psychology

Semester 1

YEAR 1

[005154](#) Counselling Skills M

[005155](#) Theories and Issues in Counselling Psychology M

[005153](#) Psychological Assessment M

YEAR 2

[005148](#) Supervised Practice M1

[005149](#) Supervised Practice M2

[005150](#) Supervised Practice M3

YEAR 3

Doctoral Thesis D2

Advanced Supervised Practice D2

Semester 2

[005396](#) Group Process and Leadership M

[005401](#) Specialisation in Counselling M

[005774](#) Scripts & Texts in Counselling M

Doctoral Thesis D1

Advanced Supervised Practice D1

Doctoral Thesis D3

Advanced Supervised Practice D3

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (232AA)

(Applied Science)

The program is designed to provide an opportunity for high calibre graduates to undertake scholarly postgraduate research in a field of study taken from one of the following areas of expertise within the Division - cultural heritage sciences, human and biomedical science, resource and environmental science, dependent on the availability of supervisors.

It is strongly recommended that all potential candidates contact the course convener prior to submission of an application, as a research proposal (3-5 pages) is required with the application.

Successful completion of the program requires candidates:

- to conceive, design and carry to completion a piece of original research which, in the opinion of three independent assessors of recognised standing, adds substantially to existing knowledge and understanding of the field of study;
- to demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the scientific literature in their field of study and be aware of current or potential areas of contention likely to form the focus of future research in their field;
- to develop the skills necessary for communicating the results of their work effectively to other professionals in their field of study;
- to demonstrate a high degree of scholarship.

Admission Requirements:

Applicants shall have a degree of bachelor with first or upper second class honours awarded by an Australian university or other recognised higher education institution, and provide evidence of research training and aptitude for research.

Course Requirements/Structure:

Satisfactory completion of 72 credit points as follows:

[004091](#) Doctoral Thesis in Applied Science D (full-time) or

[004090](#) Doctoral Thesis in Applied Science D (part-time)

Course Convener:

Mrs Michele Fleming 3B34 (02) 6201 2569, fax (02) 6201 5727,

e-mail: fleming@scides.canberra.edu.au

School of Health Sciences

Degree of Doctor of Business Administration (325AA)

The professional doctorate course in business administration seeks to provide opportunities for advanced study and reflection on practice in the professional fields of economics, accountancy, finance and related fields. Such opportunities are to be provided for professionals of standing in a relevant profession who will be able to draw upon their professional experience and expertise, and to extend this experience and expertise.

The Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) course will allow students to develop relevant research skills through a carefully designed program supplemented by a dissertation and relevant choice of electives.

The objectives of the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) course are to enable practitioners to extend and build upon their professional experience through:

- a. development of research, writing and analysis skills which enable students to produce a dissertation which constitutes an original and significant contribution to the relevant literature and/or to professional practice;
- b. coursework undertaken in specific subjects;
- c. preparation of a substantial dissertation which adds to our existing knowledge and constitutes an in-depth investigation and analysis of a particular professional issue or set of issues; and
- d. bridging the gap between theory and practice by developing closer links between the University and senior professionals in fields associated with business, economics and related disciplines.

Admission Requirements:

Before a candidate is admitted to the Doctor of Business Administration program by the University Higher Degrees Committee, the Division must be satisfied that it is able to supervise the candidate's proposed dissertation and that the candidate satisfies the following admission requirements:

- a. holds a bachelor degree in a relevant field which is of sufficient quality to gain entry into an honours program;
- b. has five years of professional practice in a relevant area;
- c. provides evidence of capacity for specialised coursework at the doctoral level and relevant professional development; and
- d. provides evidence of superior professional performance both intellectually and technically.

Course Duration:

The minimum period for completion of the degree will usually be three years of full-time study or its part-time equivalent. Maximum period of candidature is 5 years full-time, or equivalent part-time.

Advanced Standing:

Advanced standing, up to a value of 16 credit points, may be given for coursework subjects done previously and at the equivalent level of study, but not for the subject [004525](#) Preliminary Professional Project M.

Course Structure:

The course structure for the professional doctorate is comprised of two parts:

- i. completion of coursework subjects (24 credit points) equivalent to one year of full-time study. This includes three compulsory subjects (16 credit points) and two electives (8 credit points);
- ii. completion of a dissertation of about 60,000 words comprising the equivalent of two years full-time and amounting to 48 credit points.

Academic and Research Structures:

Supervision of dissertations is undertaken by staff associated with the School of Business, and other Schools in the Division of Business, Law and Information Sciences

Course Convener:

Dr Ric Jentsch 11C20 (02) 6201 2424
School of Information Sciences

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

The Division offers PhD program in the fields of

- [commerce](#),
- [corporate law](#),
- economics and
- [public sector management](#).

Commerce Specialisation (244AC)

The Doctor of Philosophy program in Commerce provides research training in applied aspects of commerce. The program consists of a substantial thesis in a topic from any area of accounting, auditing and risk management, banking and finance or electronic commerce.

Course Compilation:

The Doctor of Philosophy program in Commerce is made up of 72 credit points thesis.

Entry Requirements:

A degree of Bachelor of Commerce or Business with Honours.

Study Mode:

Three years full time or equivalent part time. 72 credit points.

Fee per Subject:

HECS places and full fee paying.

Course Convener:

Dr Milind Sathye, telephone (02) 6201 5489, Fax (02) 6201 5238

School of Business

E-mail: milinds@management.canberra.edu.au

Website: <http://www.dmt.canberra.edu.au/courses>

Corporate Law Specialisation (244AA)

The doctoral program in law has a particular focus upon corporate law and related professional problems. Candidates for the degree are required to undertake an original and sustained piece of research which contributes to a particular field of legal knowledge in this broad area.

Course Duration:

Candidature may be undertaken on a full-time or on a part-time basis. The minimum period of candidature is three years of full-time study, or part-time equivalent.

Admission Requirements:

Admission to candidature may be granted to students holding a Bachelor's degree with upper second class or first class honours, a masters degree or equivalent qualifications. The course convener should be consulted in regard to candidates who do not meet these criteria. Before a candidate will be admitted into the program by the University Higher Degrees Committee, the Division must be satisfied that it is able to supervise the candidate's proposed thesis and that the candidate has sufficient prior research experience to allow her/him to complete the thesis. Candidates who have been admitted into the program will be required to deliver a work-in-progress seminar during the first year of their candidature before this candidature is confirmed.

Course Structure:

There is no coursework component. Students will be required to write a thesis of about 100,000 words. Where the Division believes that a student would benefit from undertaking a course in research methods, it may recommend that such a course be made a condition of candidature, in addition to the thesis requirement. Students enrol in the subject [004098](#) Doctoral Thesis in Corporate Law D (full-time) or [004099](#) Doctoral Thesis in Corporate Law D (part-time).

Academic and Research Structures:

Staff in the School of Law are especially interested in the supervision of topics and the area of corporate law having a law reform, comparative legal theory or legal policy dimension. Some limited research support is available to candidates from the National Centre for Corporate Law and Policy Research, located within the Division.

Some of the nation's major legal research collections are to be found in Canberra. These include the resources of the National Library and other more specialist departmental, judicial and institutional law libraries distributed around Canberra and accessible through the University of Canberra Library. See also 'Library Facilities for Doctoral Students' in [the General section of the Division's entry](#).

Course Convener:

Dr Mark Burton 6C75 (02) 6201 5794

School of Law

Economics Specialisation (244AD)

Public Sector Management Specialisation (244AB)

This program is designed to promote original research at the doctoral level in the field of public sector management. Doctoral candidates are expected to make a significant contribution to knowledge or understanding and/or the application of knowledge within the field of public sector management.

Course Duration:

The minimum period for completion of the degree will usually be three years of full-time study or its part-time equivalent. Maximum period of candidature is 5 years full-time, or equivalent part-time.

Admission Requirements:

Admission to candidature may be granted to students holding a Bachelor's degree with first class or upper second class honours, a masters degree or equivalent qualifications. Applicants must be able to provide evidence of research experience, which may be shown by reference to prior studies, the completion of a higher degree involving research, publications, and/or other relevant evidence.

Course Structure:

There is no compulsory coursework component for the doctoral degree although students may be required or recommended to take or monitor certain taught graduate or masters level subjects if these are appropriate. Students enrol in the subject [004106](#) Doctoral Thesis in Public Sector Management D (full-time) or [004107](#) Doctoral Thesis in Public Sector Management D (part-time).

The doctoral degree is awarded entirely on the basis of the doctoral thesis. Current candidates are researching Australian-focused topics which include the development of professional managers, organisational development in mega-departments and local government reform. The School of Management and Policy and the Centre for Research in Public Sector Management also have strong interests in comparative and development administration, and have doctoral candidates currently researching urbanisation and housing policy in Tanzania, foreign aid policy in Thailand and public sector management in Nauru.

Course Convener:

Professor John Halligan 6D4 (02) 6201 2725

School of Management and Policy

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (246AA)

Communication Specialisation

The areas which potentially offer supervision are:

- communication and culture
- communication history
- communication policy
- communication theory
- comparative communication
- communication language and literature
- communication and technology
- development communication
- environmental and risk communication
- epistemological issues in communication
- intercultural communication
- international communication
- mass communication
- organisational communication
- political communication.

Course Duration:

Minimum candidature is 3 years of full-time study or equivalent.

Admission Requirements:

Entry requirements for the PhD are an honours degree at first class or 2A level, or a masters degree, or a postgraduate diploma with average results of at least credit level. These qualifications must be in communication or a closely related discipline.

Candidates (particularly those from cognate disciplines) may be required to undertake bridging studies before commencing the PhD thesis. Note that such bridging studies cannot count towards the PhD.

Course Requirements:

The degree is by thesis alone, with enrolment in the subject [004096](#) Doctoral Thesis in Communication D (full-time), or [004097](#) Doctoral Thesis in Communication D (part-time). Intending applicants should discuss their proposal in the first instance with Intending applicants should discuss their proposal in the first instance with Associate Professor Glen Lewis, telephone (02) 6201 5493.

Course Convener:

Associate Professor Glen Lewis 1C141 (02) 6201 5493
School of Professional Communication

Information Studies Specialisation

The areas of information studies in which the degree may be pursued are:

- archival resources
- information and records management
- information retrieval
- library systems and services
- resources and services for young people.

Course Duration:

Minimum candidature is 3 years of full-time study or equivalent.

Admission Requirements:

Entry requirements for the PhD are an honours degree at first class or 2A level, or a masters degree, or a postgraduate diploma with average results of at least credit level. These qualifications must be in information studies or a closely related discipline.

Candidates (particularly those from cognate disciplines) may be required to undertake bridging studies before commencing the PhD thesis. Note that such bridging studies cannot count towards the PhD.

Course Requirements:

The degree is by thesis alone, with enrolment in the subject

[004093](#) Doctoral Thesis in Information Studies D (full-time), or [004092](#) Doctoral Thesis in Information Studies D (part-time).

Course Advice:

Intending candidates should contact the course convener for further information and to discuss their proposal.

Course Convener:

Dr Peter Clayton 1C110 (02) 6201 5431
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School of Information Management and Tourism

Tourism and Leisure Studies Specialisation

Areas in which supervision may be offered include:

- Australasian and Pacific Rim tourism and leisure studies
- cultural and heritage tourism
- event management, planning and marketing
- globalisation of leisure and tourism
- historical aspects of tourism and leisure
- media and leisure
- sustainable tourism
- tourism and hospitality management
- tourism and hospitality marketing
- tourism impact analysis
- tourism and leisure planning and policy analysis
- visitor management

Course Duration:

Minimum candidature is 3 years of full-time study or equivalent.

Admission Requirements:

Entry requirements for the PhD are an honours degree at first class or 2A level, or a masters degree, or a postgraduate diploma with average results of at least a credit level. These qualifications must be in tourism or leisure studies or a cognate discipline.

Candidates (particularly those from cognate disciplines) may be required to undertake bridging studies before commencing the PhD thesis. Note that such bridging studies cannot count towards the PhD.

Course Requirements:

The degree is by thesis alone, with enrolment in the subject [004096](#) Doctoral Thesis in Communication D (full-time) (72 credit points), or [004097](#) Doctoral Thesis in Communication D (part-time) (72 credit points).

Course Advice:

Intending applicants should discuss their proposal in the first instance with Ms Josette Wells 1C112 (02) 6201 2492

Degree of Doctor of Environmental Design (320AA)

This Professional Doctorate degree in Environmental Design provides the opportunity for advanced study and reflection on practice for professionals of standing in the fields associated with the School of Design's undergraduate and postgraduate courses. The degree will draw on a candidate's professional experience and expertise, and extend them. It will provide the opportunity to bring together in a scholarly submission professional work done over a period of time and to develop it in new directions.

The objectives of the course are:

- a. to develop closer links and mutually beneficial associations between the University and senior professionals in fields associated with the School's courses;
- b. to contribute to the development of professional practice in these fields.

Admission Requirements:

A degree of bachelor with honours (or another qualification deemed by the University Admissions Committee to be equivalent) in a relevant course, and at least five years of professional practice in a relevant field. As well, a candidate must be able to provide evidence of the capacity to undertake specialised study at a doctoral level, and of superior professional performance (creatively and/or intellectually and/or technically) in the chosen field. Candidates wishing to undertake this course should make initial application to the Division's Research and Higher Degrees Committee for agreement as to the suitability of the project to be carried out.

Course Requirements:

The course consists of a combination of coursework subjects (12 credit points) and two professional doctorate project subjects (60 credit points) to total at least 72 credit points.

The major project is further developed and should demonstrate that the candidate has extensive design, technical or professional knowledge in the chosen field and has made an original contribution to that field.

Enrolment:

Unless they have been granted status, candidates should enrol first in the coursework subjects then in the Preliminary Project subject and then in the Professional Project subject.

Course Convener:

Dr Dianne Firth 7A38 (02) 6201 2562
School of Design

Course Structure : Doctor of Environmental Design

Semester 1

YEAR 1

[004508](#) Theoretical or Technical Study in Environmental Design

[004303](#) Research Methods in Environmental Design

Approved Elective

YEAR 2

[004501](#) Environmental Design Doctoral Project B D (year-long)

YEAR 3

[004501](#) Environmental Design Doctoral Project B D (cont'd)

Semester 2

[004500](#) Environmental Design Doctoral Project A M

[004501](#) Environmental Design Doctoral Project B D (cont'd)

[004501](#) Environmental Design Doctoral Project B D (cont'd)

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (251AA)

(Environmental Design)

The School offers a PhD program in areas of study related to its research centres: cultural heritage conservation studies and environmental philosophy, planning and design.

Admission Requirements:

Candidates must hold an honours degree at first class or 2A level, or a qualification deemed by the University's Admissions Committee to be equivalent. The qualification should be in a relevant discipline.

Course Structure:

A candidate will be required to undertake original research resulting in a thesis which makes a significant contribution to understanding, and/or to knowledge and/or its application in an agreed specialised area within the field of studies in environmental design. The work should entail systematic and searching reviews of the relevant literature in order to locate the study in relation to existing work in the field, the development of a clear statement as to the aims and objectives of the study, systematic investigation of the topic and the development of a well articulated theoretical position for undertaking its analysis. All this work should be incorporated into a well-written and well-argued thesis which describes the work done and articulates the findings of the study.

Enrolment:

Students enrol in either [004436](#) Doctoral Thesis in Environmental Design D (full-time); or [004435](#) Doctoral Thesis in Environmental Design D (part-time).

Enquiries to:

Enquiries to: Dr Dianne Firth 7A38 (02) 6201 2562
School of Design

Degree of Doctor of Education (352AA)

This professional doctorate in Education seeks to provide opportunities for advanced study and reflection on practice in the fields of adult education, higher education, community education, counselling, health education, human resource development, educational administration, special education, teacher and school education, international education (including TESOL and LOTE) and related areas. Such opportunities are to be provided for educators in these professions who will be able to draw on and extend their professional expertise.

The course intends to promote the following outcomes:

- higher levels of efficiency for those people directly involved in the leadership, management, design, operation and future development of education both in Australia and in overseas countries;
- improved and broadened professional competence among course participants through specialised course work which considers the theoretical underpinnings of practice, and particularly through research which may be related to their professional settings and educational responsibilities;
- closer links and associations between the University and the senior professionals in all educational settings, both in Australia and abroad, and thereby to optimise the contribution that this University can make to the various fields and practices of education;
- significant contribution to their professional practice in the field through the application of appropriate research methodology by course participants.

Course Duration:

Standard duration of the Doctor of Education course is normally 3 years full-time study or equivalent part-time study.

Admission Requirements:

Applicants for admission to the Doctor of Education course will have to satisfy the following admission requirements:

- hold a Master of Education or an equivalent qualification in a relevant professional field. Applicants would be expected to have achieved the equivalent of at least a credit average in their previous postgraduate program;
- five years of professional practice in a relevant professional field;
- evidence of capacity for specialised coursework and research at the doctoral level and relevant professional development;
- experience in undertaking and successfully completing research;
- evidence of superior professional performance based on specific performance criteria supported by relevant referee's reports;
- capacity to identify an area of research that is deemed by the committee to be appropriate to the thesis component of the course.

Conditional Admission:

In special circumstances the candidate may be admitted to conditional candidature. Candidates so admitted shall be required to undertake a bridging program.

Academic Requirements:

At least 72 credit points as follows:

Part A: Coursework 24 credit points.

The completion of two Doctoral Studies elective subjects chosen from:

[004594](#) Studies in Educational Policy M

[004595](#) Studies in Educational Theory/Practice M

[004596](#) Studies in Learning & Instruction M

Subjects in Part A must be satisfactorily completed before entry is permitted to the thesis research component, Part B.

Part B: Thesis Research 48 credit points.

Either

[004593](#) Edu Professional Doct Thesis Prep D : PT

or

[004592](#) Edu Professional Doct Thesis Prep D : FT (including study of a range of relevant research methodologies and development and examination of thesis proposal) 12 credit points,

plus

[004590](#) Educ Professional Doctoral Thesis D : FT

or

[004591](#)">[004591](#) Edu Professional Doctoral Thesis D : PT 36 credit points.

Thesis work consists of two linked stages – the development of a theoretical framework and methodology; and information gathering, analysis and presentation of results.

Course Convener:

Dr John Collard 5C26 (02) 6201 2386
School of Professional and Community Education

Please note that the course is under review. For the most current information please contact the course convener.

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Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Education) (208AA)

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the field of Education involves candidates in a program of research requiring the presentation of a doctoral thesis which should provide evidence of the candidate's ability to conceive, execute and report on a scholarly piece of research in advanced theory or students practice.

The objectives of the course are

- a. to promote and provide a means of high levels of education, research and development for those people directly involved in the design, operation and future development of Australian education.
- b. to provide a program of research suitable for teachers, administrators and officers in related fields of education.

Period of Candidature:

The duration of the course for full-time candidates will normally be 3 years or equivalent part time.

Admission Requirements:

Entry requirements for the PhD are an honours degree, a masters degree or a postgraduate diploma at a high level of achievement.

Intending candidates should make an application to the Division for admission to the course by completing a PhD application form which is available from the Graduate Office, Administrative Officer, 1C151 (02) 6201 5407.

Applicants should submit with their application a thesis proposal and an outline of their proposed area of research as explained in the Doctor of Philosophy application form. Prior to selection, applicants should be prepared for further contact with the course convener, at which they will be expected to further define the nature of the problems they propose to investigate and demonstrate their competence to undertake doctoral research in that field of education.

Course Requirements:

The doctoral thesis should demonstrate that the candidate has academic and technical competence in the field and has done research of an original and independent character. The thesis must add to or modify what was previously known, and present significant original analysis of the subject based upon investigation.

Candidates must enrol in the subject [001257](#) Education Doctoral Thesis D (part-time) or [001258](#) Education Doctoral Thesis D (full).

Course Convener:

Dr Carole Kayrooz 5C69 (02) 6201 2940
School of Professional and Community Education

Degree of Doctor in Information Technology (570AA)

The Professional Doctorate in Information Technology, in the School of Information Sciences & Engineering, offers senior information technology (IT) professionals the opportunity to study advanced subjects in IT and to undertake research in a specialist area of information technology. The program is a combination of coursework and research dissertation.

Course Duration:

Candidature may be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis. The standard periods of candidature are six (6) semesters of full-time study or up to sixteen (16) semesters of part-time study.

Admission Requirements:

The entry requirements of the course are an undergraduate degree in Computing or Graduate Diploma in Information Technology or equivalent, five years or more of appropriately high-level professional practice in information technology, and evidence of capacity for doing research at the doctoral level.

Advanced Standing:

Advanced standing, up to 24 credit points, may be awarded for coursework subjects done previously at the equivalent level of study.

Course Structure:

The structure of the Professional Doctorate in Information Technology is a 72 credit point course of study. The 72 credit points comprises 36 credit points of coursework at M level, 12 credit points of coursework at D level and a 24 credit point dissertation.

Academic and Research Structure:

The School of Information Sciences & Engineering has a long standing reputation in Australia and internationally in the various aspects of research in information technology. Supervision of dissertations is undertaken by a number of staff members who hold PhD degrees and are active in information technology research. A number of other staff who have substantial research and professional experience may also contribute to the research project.

Course Convener:

Dr Ric Jentsch 11C20 (02) 6201 2424
School of Information Sciences & Engineering

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (235AA)

(Information Sciences and Engineering)

The PhD program offered by the Division is concentrated in the major research fields of the Division including plasma instrumentation, advanced telecommunications, human-computer communications, speech and speaker recognition, applied geometric analysis, mathematical physics, general relativity, differential equations, statistics, and information technology. Studies in this last area include the human-computer interface, artificial intelligence, software engineering, and information dissemination and distribution. Research opportunities also exist in non-linear analysis.

Course Duration:

Normally 3 years full-time or equivalent part-time, maximum period of study is normally 5 years full-time but cannot exceed 8 years.

Admission Requirements:

Admission to candidature may be granted to students holding a Bachelor's degree with first class honours, a master degree or equivalent qualifications. Applicants may be required to provide evidence of research experience, which may be shown by reference to prior studies, the completion of a higher degree involving research, publications, and/or other relevant evidence.

A preliminary research proposal should be attached to the application.

Course Structure:

There is no coursework component. Students will be required to write a thesis of about 100,000 words. Where the Division believes that a student would benefit from undertaking a preparatory course in a specific area, it may recommend that such a course be made a condition of candidature, in addition to the thesis requirement. Students enrol in the subject [004094](#) Doctoral Thesis in Information Technology D (full-time) or [004095](#) Doctoral Thesis in Information Technology D (part-time).

Course Advice:

Students will be allocated primary and secondary supervisors with whom they must consult at the commencement of, and on a regular basis during, their studies.

Course Convener:

Associate Professor Andrew Cheetham 11A19 (02) 6201 2196
School of Information Sciences & Engineering

Degree of Doctor of Legal Science (323AA)

The Professional Doctorate course in Legal Science seeks to provide opportunities for advanced study and reflection on practice in the professional field of law. Such opportunities are to be provided for professionals of standing in the legal profession who will be able to draw upon their professional experience and expertise and to extend this experience and expertise.

The School of Law has particular teaching and research strengths in the areas of corporate, business and taxation law, although the course will allow students to focus upon a range of areas.

The objectives of the course are to enable legal practitioners to extend and build upon their professional experience through:

- a. the development of legal research, writing and analysis skills which enable students to produce a dissertation which constitutes an original and significant contribution to legal literature;
- b. coursework undertaken in specific subjects;
- c. completion of the research subject [004510](#) Advanced Legal Research and Writing M;
- d. the preparation of a substantial dissertation which adds to our existing legal knowledge and constitutes an in-depth investigation and analysis of particular legal issue or set of issues; and
- e. bridging the gap between theory and practice by developing closer links between the University and senior professionals in fields associated with law and related disciplines.

Course Duration:

The minimum period for completion of the degree will usually be three years of full-time study or its part-time equivalent.

Admission Requirements:

Before a candidate will be admitted to the Doctor of Legal Science program by the University Higher Degrees Committee, the Division must be satisfied that it is able to supervise the candidate's proposed dissertation and that the candidate satisfies the following admission requirements:

- a. possesses a Bachelor's degree in Law or an equivalent qualification;
- b. has five years of professional practice in a legal area;
- c. can provide evidence of capacity for specialised coursework at the doctoral level and relevant professional development; and
- d. can provide evidence of superior legal professional performance both intellectually and technically.

Course Structure:

The course structure for the Professional Doctorate in Law is comprised of two parts:

- i. completion of the equivalent of six masters level coursework subjects (24 credit points) equivalent to one year of full-time study. This includes a compulsory year-long subject in [004510](#) Advanced Legal Research and Writing M (8 credit points). Advanced standing, up to a value of 16 credit points, may be given for subjects done previously and at the equivalent level of study;
- ii. completion of a dissertation of about 60,000 words comprising the equivalent of two years full-time study and amounting to 48 credit points.

Academic and Research Structures:

Supervision of dissertations is undertaken by staff associated with the School of Law. There are currently two full-time professors of law as well as other suitably qualified law staff who will be able to supervise students. The appointment of two adjunct professors of law by the University and an honorary professor of taxation law has further augmented the ability of the School of Law to provide supervision for dissertations. A number of other staff will also be able to contribute to the supervision of professional doctorate students, either as primary or as secondary supervisors. See also 'Library Facilities for Doctoral Students' in the [General section of the Division's entry](#).

Course Convener:

Dr Mark Burton 6C75 (02) 6201 5794
School of Law

Degree of Doctor of Public Administration (324AA)

The Professional Doctorate program in Public Administration provides opportunities for advanced study and reflection on theory and practice in the professional field of public administration. These opportunities are provided for professionals of standing in public administration who will be able to draw on and extend their professional experience and expertise. The program is a combination of coursework and research dissertation.

Course Duration:

Candidature may be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis.

Admission Requirements:

Admission to candidature may be granted to applicants holding a degree of bachelor with honours (or its equivalent) in a relevant professional field and five years professional practice in public administration following a first degree. Candidates should also demonstrate the capacity to undertake specialised study at doctoral level and superior professional performance both intellectually and professionally.

Course Structure:

The course structure for the professional doctorate in public administration is comprised of two parts:

- i. six postgraduate (masters level) coursework subjects equivalent to one year of full-time study and amounting to 24 credit points. These subjects are of two types: one specially designed compulsory subject; four existing masters level subjects in public administration.
- ii. a dissertation of approximately 60,000 words, equivalent to two years of full-time study and amounting to 48 credit points.

Academic and Research Structure:

The School of Management and Policy in the Division of Management and Technology has a long-standing reputation both in Australia and overseas as a centre of research excellence in public administration. The Division is also the location of the active and productive Centre for Research in Public Sector Management (CRPSM). Members of the Division and CRPSM pursue a range of research and consultancy specialisations and have experience both in Australia and overseas. Canberra also boasts excellent library facilities while its position as the centre for the Commonwealth government is an added advantage for students of public administration. See also 'Library Facilities for Doctoral Students' in [the General section of the Division's entry](#).

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Degree of Doctor of Urban Management (TBA)

The professional doctorate course in urban management seeks to provide opportunities for advanced study and reflection on practice in the professional field of urban management. Such opportunities are to be provided for candidates of standing in a relevant profession who will be able to draw upon and extend their professional experience and expertise.

The objectives of the Doctor of Urban Management are to enable practitioners to extend and build upon their professional experience through:

- developing the research skills and the expertise to synthesise and abstract ideas and theory which underlie the students professional work in urban management;
- supporting postgraduate students in extending these ideas or theory into a scholarly research dissertation which constitutes an original and significant contribution to the relevant literature and/or to professional practice;
- contributing to knowledge in urban management;
- developing closer links between theory and practice by developing mutually beneficial associations between the University and senior professionals in fields associated with urban management;
- contributing to the development of professional practice in urban management.

Academic Requirements:

At least 72 credit points are required through completing the unit [005028](#) Advanced Public Administration Research (8 credit points) and the [005799](#) Urban Management Doctorate Dissertation (64 credit points).

Admission Requirements:

Before a candidate is admitted to the Doctorate of Urban Management program by the Higher Degrees Committee, the Centre for Developing Cities must be satisfied that it is able to supervise the candidate's proposed dissertation and that the candidate satisfies the following admission requirements:

Holds a bachelor degree with honours or a Masters degree in a relevant field (or another qualification deemed by the University Admissions Committee to be equivalent)

Has five years of professional practice in a relevant area.

Provides evidence of the capacity for specialised work at the doctoral level and relevant professional development

Provides evidence of superior professional performance both intellectually and technically.

Provided a candidate has the relevant professional experience and qualifications a candidate with a bachelors degree without honours may enrol in the subjects:

[005039](#) Urban Research Methods G

[005036](#) Globalisation, Urbanisation and Economic Growth G

tba Urbanisation and Economic Growth

A credit average in these three units or three other units deemed equivalent by the course convener would qualify the applicant for entry into the degree.

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