

Master of Business (Research) (859AA.2)

Please note these are the 2021 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	PG
Delivery mode	
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	2.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra Business School
UAC code	
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.5 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).
	View IELTS equivalences

International students

Academic entry requirements	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.
	View UC's academic entry requirements

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Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
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CRICOS code	054344G
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About this course

Make research your business at UC

Studying this postgraduate degree will allow you to develop relevant research skills through a carefully designed program, which includes the selection of electives tailored to your professional experience and a dissertation. The course provides opportunities for advanced study and reflection on practice across a range of professional fields including accountancy, business management, economics, human resource development, international management, organisational behaviour and more.

You will be encouraged to bridge the gap between theory and practice in your work, drawing upon previous business experience and expertise in both your coursework and dissertation. Upon completion of the degree, you will have produced an impressive and significant original contribution to your field of research and professional industry, and will be well-placed for the next exciting phase of your business or academic career. As a Higher Degree by Research (HDR), this course is covered under the Australian Government's Research Training Program (RTP) funding model, which provides a fee offset for domestic students for the standard duration of the course.

Study a Master of Business (Research) at UC and you will:

- develop knowledge and skills in research methodology and research methods
- acquire high-level writing and analysis skills
- initiate closer links between the University and senior professionals in fields associated with business, economics and related disciplines
- prepare either a single substantial dissertation, or two smaller academically rigorous dissertations, which form an in-depth investigation and analysis of a particular professional issue.

Work Integrated Learning

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) is a key component of this postgraduate course and in your dissertation, you will be encouraged to use your existing employment knowledge to undertake new academic research in the study of a professional problem in the field of business, engaging regularly with industry over the course of your studies.

Career opportunities

- Sessional academic
- Research officer
- Research fellow
- Company director
- General manager
- Chief executive officer
- President
- Vice president
- Chief financial officer
- Board member
- Marketing director
- Entrepreneur
- Business consultant
- Financial analyst
- Marketing director
- Indigenous program director

Course-specific information

Before a candidate is admitted to the Master of Business (Research) program, the Faculty 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's degree in a relevant field which is of sufficient quality to gain entry into an honours program
- b. has two years of professional practice in a relevant area
- c. provides evidence of capacity for specialised coursework at a postgraduate level and relevant professional development
- d. provides evidence of superior professional performance, both intellectually and technically
- e. demonstrates capacity and/or aptitude for research.

In order to progress to the research component of Master of Business (Research), you must have completed the coursework component of the degree, and have had your research proposal and research plan approved by the course convener.

There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an academic IELTS or equivalent of 6.5 with no band score below 6.0. Students who have undertaken all their education in an English-speaking country (as defined on the UC website) are deemed to have met our English language proficiency requirements.

Domestic students who are accepted on this course are provided for under the Australian Government's Research Training Program (RTP) funding model, which provides a fee offset for the standard duration of the course. Once your RTP entitlement is consumed, you will be

charged the annual fee rate that applied at the start of your degree. Further information on fees for Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students can be found [here](#).

Admission requirements

Before a candidate is admitted to the Master of Business program, the Faculty 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 two years of professional practice in a relevant area; provides evidence of capacity for specialised coursework at the post graduate level and relevant professional development;
- c. provides evidence of superior professional performance both intellectually and technically; and demonstrates capacity and/or aptitude for research.

A requirement for proceeding to the research component of the degree is completion of the coursework component of the degree and the acceptance and approval of a research proposal and research plan by the course convener.

Assumed knowledge

None.

Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules and university policy](#).

Course requirements

Master of Business (Research) (859AA) | 48 credit points

Required - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

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- In addition to completing these units, students are required to attend relevant Faculty research seminars or equivalent academic activity throughout the period of their enrolment.

[Research Methodology and Research Design PG \(6647\) | 6 credit points — Level P](#)

[Literature Review Seminar \(6650\) | 3 credit points — Level P](#)

Restricted Choice - 36 credit points as follows

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Quantitative Research Methods B PG \(6648\)](#) | 3 credit points — Level P

[Qualitative Research Methods B PG \(6649\)](#) | 3 credit points — Level P

Part B - Must select 1 of the following

Research Dissertation - 33 credit points as follows

- Note: Students following a full time enrolment pattern will enrol in 8723 in their second semester.

[Business Professional Project Dissertation B R \(33cp\) \(7911\)](#) | 33 credit points — Level R

[Business Professional Project Dissertation B R \(33cp\) \(9cp\) \(8723\)](#) | 0 credit points — Level R

Linked Dissertations - 33 credit points as follows

[Business Professional Project Dissertation A R F/T \(6660\)](#) | 18 credit points — Level R

[Business Professional Project Dissertation C R \(15cp\) \(7912\)](#) | 15 credit points — Level R

Candidates are also required to complete a Research Education Program to acquire the generic skills & attributes identified as appropriate for graduates of postgraduate research programs at UC.

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Literature Review Seminar \(6650\)](#)

[Research Methodology and Research Design PG \(6647\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard four semesters full-time or equivalent. Maximum eight semesters.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
The objectives of the Master of Business (Research) course are to enable practitioners to extend and build upon their professional experience through: a. Coursework that develops knowledge and skill in research methodology and research methods;	.
b. 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;	.
c. Preparation of a either a single substantial dissertation, or two smaller but academically rigorous dissertations, which adds to 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.	.

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Master of Business	M Bus

Honours

Not applicable.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Current & Prospective Students	Faculty of Business, Government and Law BGLHDR@canberra.edu.au

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.