

Master of Law (Research) (942AA.1)

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 Law 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

Delivery mode	
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	2.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra Law School
CRICOS code	061442B
English language requirements	<p>An IELTS Academic score of 6.5 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).</p> <p>View IELTS equivalences</p>

About this course

Research your chosen area of law at UC

If you are a graduate who wishes to advance your skills, interests, capacities and career by undertaking a substantial research project in the field of law, then look no further than the Master of Law (Research). During your time with us, you will develop advanced legal research and writing skills by producing a dissertation which will make an original contribution to research literature in your chosen area of study.

You'll graduate having created an impressive body of work and will be ready to move onto the next stage of your legal 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 Law (Research) at UC and you will:

- develop knowledge and skills in research methodology and research methods
- acquire high-level writing and analysis skills
- prepare a substantial dissertation which adds to existing knowledge and forms an in-depth investigation and analysis of a particular legal 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 law, engaging regularly with industry over the course of your studies.

Career opportunities

- Sessional academic
- Research officer
- Research fellow
- Lawyer*
- Solicitor*
- Barrister*
- Judge*
- Magistrate*
- Registrar
- Company director
- Public servant
- Policy adviser
- Parliamentary counsel
- Legislative drafter
- Law reform officer
- Senior analyst
- Strategic adviser
- Business consultant
- International diplomat
- Director of sustainability

*Subject to satisfactory undergraduate law degree and successful completion of a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, which qualifies you for admission to practice as a lawyer.

Course-specific information

Before a candidate is admitted to the Master of Law (Research) program, the University 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 with above average performance (or qualifications deemed to be equivalent) in the relevant discipline (usually in law)
- b. provides evidence of capacity and aptitude to undertake legal research at a master's level.

Students whose initial qualifications are in a field other than law are invited to discuss their possible candidature with 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 University of Canberra 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 Law (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 degree with above average performance (or qualifications deemed to be equivalent), in the relevant discipline (usually in law);
- b. provides evidence of capacity and aptitude to undertake legal research at the masters level.

Students whose initial qualifications are in a field other than Law are invited to discuss their possible candidature with 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 Law (Research) (942AA) | 48 credit points

Required - 48 credit points as follows

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[Advanced Legal Research and Writing PG \(6621\) | 3 credit points – Level P](#)

[Masters Thesis in Law R \(45cp\) \(7871\) | 45 credit points – Level R](#)

Additional Academic Activity: In addition to enrolment in units, students are required to attend relevant school and faculty research seminars and other academic activities during candidature.

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

[Advanced Legal Research and Writing PG \(6621\)](#)

[Masters Thesis in Law R \(45cp\) \(7871\)](#)

Semester 2

[Masters Thesis in Law R \(45cp\) \(7871\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Masters Thesis in Law R \(45cp\) \(7871\)](#)

Semester 2

[Masters Thesis in Law R \(45cp\) \(7871\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Four semesters full-time or equivalent. Maximum eight semesters.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
<p>The objectives of the Master of Law (Research) are to enable graduates to extend and build upon their research experience through:</p> <p>1. A coursework unit that develops knowledge and skill in research methodology and research methods;</p>	.
<p>2. Development of research, writing and analysis skills which enable students to produce a dissertation</p>	.

making an original contribution to the relevant research literature; and

3. Preparation of a substantial dissertation which adds to existing knowledge and constitutes an in-depth investigation and analysis of a particular legal issue or problem or set of issues or problems.

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Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Master of Law (Research)	M Law(Rsch)

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.