

Doctor of Philosophy (MXP001.1)

Please note these are the 2024 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	4.0 years
Faculty	Graduate Research Office
Discipline	Graduate Research Office
UAC code	
English language requirements	Academic IELTS of 6.5 or equivalent, with no band score below 6.0 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	On campus

Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	4.0 years
Faculty	Graduate Research Office
Discipline	Graduate Research Office
CRICOS code	102575A
English language requirements	Academic IELTS of 6.5 or equivalent, with no band score below 6.0 View IELTS equivalences

About this course

The Doctor of Philosophy or PhD Plus is a 4-year full-time equivalent 96 credit points (CP) doctoral higher degree by research course available across a range of disciplines within our University faculties, centres and research institutes. HDR candidates will be expected under academic supervision, to conduct independent and specialised research, disseminating the results of this research in either a written dissertation, portfolio of published works or creative work with an exegesis. The degree incorporates up to 12CP of coursework study to be completed in the first two semesters of the PhD for a full-time student, or over four semesters for a part-time student. The proposed PhD Plus provides graduates with a distinctive and innovative advantage to enhance their capability in professional or community practice recognised as part of their degree by incorporating opportunities for industry engagement and placements for HDR candidates.

Admission requirements

As per the University of Canberra HDR Admission Policy.

Additional admission requirements

The Graduate Certificate in Research Methods and Design exists as an exit award only, for those students admitted to the PhD.

If a candidate fails to meet academic requirements during candidature, they may be eligible for the Graduate Certificate as an exit award providing the requirements of the award have been met.

Where a candidate fails to meet the academic requirements of the Graduate Certificate, they will be discontinued from the PhD and offered the opportunity to reattempt failed units and, if successful, exit with a Graduate Certificate. The Graduate Certificate will not be awarded if the candidate successfully completes the PhD.

Assumed knowledge

Sufficient knowledge relevant to the study area to enable identification of a need for research.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Research Semester 2		✓	✓
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Research Semester 1		✓	✓

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

Doctor of Philosophy (MXP001) | 96 credit points

Restricted Choice - May do up to 6 credit points from the following

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Faculty of Arts & Design - May select from

[Arts and Humanities Research PG \(9682\) | 6 credit points – Level P](#)

[Creative Practice Research PG \(9683\) | 6 credit points – Level P](#)

[Social Research Design PG \(9684\) | 6 credit points – Level P](#)

Faculty of Business, Government & Law - May select from

[Research Fundamentals PG \(10386\) | 6 credit points – Level P](#)

[Reading and Critiquing Literature PG \(10387\) | 6 credit points – Level P](#)

[Research Design PG \(10388\) | 6 credit points – Level P](#)

Faculty of Education - May select from

[Introduction to Statistics G \(6554\) | 3 credit points – Level G](#)

[Education Research Project PG \(7784\) | 3 credit points – Level P](#)

[Education Research Perspectives PG \(9087\) | 3 credit points – Level P](#)

[Research Methods in Language Teaching and Learning PG \(9630\) | 3 credit points – Level P](#)

[Research Fundamentals PG \(10386\) | 6 credit points – Level P](#)

Qualitative Research PG (10440) | 3 credit points – Level P

Quantitative Research PG (10441) | 3 credit points – Level P

Educational Research Capstone Project PG (10443) | 6 credit points – Level P

Professional Project in TESOL/FLT PG (11394) | 3 credit points – Level P

Research Applications in Education PG (11908) | 3 credit points – Level P

- 1. From 2023 The Restricted Choice list has been revised. Students who have completed 6554, 7784, 10386, 9630 or 11394 prior to 2023 may still count these units towards the completion of their course

- 2. From 2023, all students should select from 9087, 11908, 10440, 10441 or 10443.

Faculty of Health - May select from

Research Planning PG (6486) | 3 credit points – Level P

Qualitative Research Practice in Health PG (9583) | 3 credit points – Level P

Quantitative Research Practice in Health PG (9585) | 3 credit points – Level P

Epidemiology and Principles of Research PG (9594) | 3 credit points – Level P

Faculty of Science & Technology - May select from

Inf. Sc. Research Methodology PG (6797) | 3 credit points – Level P

Inf. Sc. Research Proposal R (6798) | 3 credit points – Level R

- For science related research degrees: Candidates who require additional research methods training are not admitted into a Doctor of Philosophy in a science related area, hence no units are listed.

- Note 1. HDR candidates should discuss their enrolment with their supervisor panel to determine if faculty-delivered coursework is required (up to 6 credit points).

- Note 1.1. If not required candidates will need to apply for credit through MyUC once they have commenced.

- Note 2. The Primary Supervisor may approve other postgraduate units up to 6cps if the listed units are not appropriate for the development needs of the candidate or the requirements of the project.

- Note 2.1. Candidates should apply for a HDR Study Plan in MyUC to have the alternative units formally approved.

- Note 3. The Primary Supervisor may approve up to 6 credit points of block credit if a candidate is deemed to have equivalent RPL for research methods and/or design.

- Note 3.1. Candidates will need to apply for credit/RPL through MyUC once they have commenced.

Required - 90 credit points as follows

Coursework Units - Must pass 6 credit points as follows

Principles of Research PG (11681) | 3 credit points – Level P

Practice of Research PG (11682) | 3 credit points – Level P

Thesis - Must pass 84 credit points from the following

Doctoral Thesis R FT (3cp) (11677) | 84 credit points – Level R

Doctoral Thesis R FT (6cp) (11678) | 84 credit points – Level R

Doctoral Thesis R FT (9cp) (11679) | 84 credit points – Level R

Doctoral Thesis R FT (12cp) (11680) | 84 credit points – Level R

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

Doctoral Thesis R FT (6cp) (11678)

Practice of Research PG (11682)

Principles of Research PG (11681)

Semester 2

Doctoral Thesis R FT (6cp) (11678)

Restricted Choice Coursework Unit(s) (6cp)

Year 2

Semester 1

Doctoral Thesis R FT (12cp) (11680)

Semester 2

Doctoral Thesis R FT (12cp) (11680)

Year 3

Semester 1

Doctoral Thesis R FT (12cp) (11680)

Semester 2

Doctoral Thesis R FT (12cp) (11680)

Year 4

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(12cp\) \(11680\)](#)

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(12cp\) \(11680\)](#)

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

[Practice of Research PG \(11682\)](#)

[Principles of Research PG \(11681\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

[Restricted Choice Coursework Unit\(s\) \(6cp\)](#)

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(12cp\) \(11680\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(12cp\) \(11680\)](#)

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(12cp\) \(11680\)](#)

Year 4

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(12cp\) \(11680\)](#)

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(12cp\) \(11680\)](#)

Year 5

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(12cp\) \(11680\)](#)

Standard Part Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Practice of Research PG \(11682\)](#)

[Principles of Research PG \(11681\)](#)

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(3cp\) \(11677\)](#)

Restricted Choice Coursework Unit(s) (3cp)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(3cp\) \(11677\)](#)

Restricted Choice Coursework Unit(s) (3cp)

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Year 4

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Year 5

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Year 6

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Year 7

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Year 8

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Standard Part Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

[Practice of Research PG \(11682\)](#)

[Principles of Research PG \(11681\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

Restricted Choice Coursework Unit(s) (3cp)

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Year 6

Semester 1

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Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Year 7

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Year 8

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Semester 2

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Year 9

Semester 1

[Doctoral Thesis R FT \(6cp\) \(11678\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard 4 years full-time or equivalent. Maximum 10 years.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
1. Learning Outcomes for the Graduate Certificate in Research Methods and Design:	-
1.1 Sophisticated understanding of research principles and values.	-
1.2 Conceptual, cognitive and technical skills and knowledge relevant to research practice.	-
1.3 Capacity to formulate a research problem, design a research project, and apply judgment in the field.	-
1.4 Knowledge of principles of research integrity, data management, and the communication of knowledge	-

to various audiences.	
2. Learning Outcomes for the Doctor of Philosophy (in addition to the above):	-
2.1 To develop researchers who are able to conceive of, construct and conduct an independent research project in a particular area.	-
2.2 The capacity to demonstrate high research integrity with cognitive, creative and technical skills, and develop theoretical and applied knowledge for their disciplinary field or profession.	-
2.3 The capacity to manage a project in a professional manner, identify and address the ethical constraints, manage budgets, and collect and store data.	-
2.4 The capacity to apply their knowledge and skills, and make a contribution communicating findings and concepts to both academic and general audiences.	-

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Doctor of Philosophy	PhD

Alternative exits

Alternative exit award Graduate Certificate in Research Methods and Design:

Students may exit early from the Doctor of Philosophy course if they have successfully completed 12 credit points of coursework units.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Students	Email hdrsupport@canberra.edu.au
Current and Commencing Students	Email hdrsupport@canberra.edu.au

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