

Master of Philosophy

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The Master of Philosophy is a research degree which aims to afford the graduate specialised knowledge and skills for research and/or professional practice and/or further learning. A research candidate for the degree of Master is required to undertake research on an approved topic, resulting in a new body of work which results in a distinct contribution to knowledge of the subject. Candidates awarded the Master degree by research have demonstrated appropriate theoretical and methodological knowledge. Master of Philosophy candidates may conduct their research in a variety of locations and settings.

The course includes the following awards:

Master of Philosophy *MPhil*

Course Study Modes and Locations

Master of Philosophy (Lab Based) (5801PH)

Distance Education - Uni Wide
On Campus - Uni Wide

Master of Philosophy (Non Lab Based) (5802PH)

Distance Education - Uni Wide
On Campus - Uni Wide

Availability is subject to change, please verify prior to enrolment.

Normal course duration

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Full-time 2.0 years (4.0 sessions)

Part-time 4.0 years (8.0 sessions)

For normal candidature

Full-time: 2 years maximum/1 year minimum*

Part-time: 2 years minimum/4 years maximum

*While it would normally be expected that the volume and quality of work for a Masters-level thesis would take 1.5-2 years from commencement to thesis submission, in the case that a student can demonstrate, through prior qualifications, relevant training in research theory, methodology and practice, thesis submission may occur after 1 year FTE enrolment. Minimum course duration will be determined on a case-by-case basis and in detailed consultation with the supervisory team, the student, and other relevant staff. The allocation of 128 credit points to the course duration (and each shell subject) was initially calculated based on a full-time study load for 2 sessions in each of 2 years (32 points per session), or a part-time study load for 2 study sessions in each of 4 years (16 points per session). As in all Higher Degrees by Research, candidature time may vary. However, variations to candidature time do not alter the total number of credit points allocated or required for graduation. Students will re-enrol in the same shell subject for each enrolment session until they demonstrate through the examination process that they have met the requirements of the subject and course.

Normal course duration is the effective period of time taken to complete a course when studied Full-time (Full-time Equivalent: FTE). Students are advised to consult the Enrolment Pattern for the actual length of study. Not all courses are offered in Full-time mode.

Admission criteria

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The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the University holds the delegated authority to approval for admission to a research higher degree programs.

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Basis of Approval for Admission to the Master of Philosophy

The RAC shall base its decision on admission to a proposed Master of Philosophy candidature upon the following evidence, that:

- the proposed program of study and research is at a level appropriate to the degree being sought;
- the proposed area of research falls within an approved University field of research for admission to a higher degree by research;

- the proposed supervisors are sufficiently expert in the area of research, and have the time and commitment to be able to provide appropriate supervision, and that adequate physical resources are available;
- the applicant has the appropriate background and ability to undertake the proposed course (refer also to Entry Qualifications, below);
- the applicant has given the necessary commitment to work regularly on the approved program of study and research and maintain regular contact with the supervisor(s).

Entry Qualifications for Master of Philosophy Degree

The entry qualifications required for admission to a Master of Philosophy program are:

- an appropriate Bachelor degree from an Australian university or an equivalent overseas tertiary institution, taken over a minimum of three years (full-time equivalent) and with a minimum grade point average of 5.0; or
- an appropriate Bachelor degree with honours from an Australian university or an equivalent overseas tertiary institution, taken over a minimum of four years (full-time equivalent); or
- some other appropriate combination of undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications (such as relevant graduate diplomas) and research experience that demonstrate capacity to undertake research at a Masters level.

Credit

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No special arrangements apply.

Graduation requirements

To graduate students must satisfactorily complete 128 points.

Course Structure

Students will work with their supervisory team to complete all aspects of the research project which constitutes the Master of Philosophy degree. The supervisory team will be comprised of one principal supervisor and at least one co-supervisor who are both permanent academic staff at Charles Sturt University. Supervisory teams may include additional co-supervisors who are adjuncts and/or external to CSU with appropriate qualifications. All supervisors will be required to meet minimum qualification and professional experience standards and have been formally registered on the CSU Supervisor Registry.

Under the guidance of their supervisors, students will determine an appropriate area of study that aligns with the Faculty's designated fields of research, where appropriate, gain ethics and other approvals, conduct a detailed research investigation, and write and submit a thesis

for examination.

Students are also required to complete and submit a formal research proposal that has been reviewed and endorsed by a review panel and approved through the School-based endorsement of candidature process. Students will also be required to engage with University progress reporting requirements as advised by the Research Office on admission. Additional requirements and conditions of enrolment, probation and progress may be applicable to individual students.

Enrolment Pattern

Students will be enrolled in a single 128-point subject for the duration of their degree. The subject code will be determined according to the School in which students are enrolled within the Faculty of Science.

Contact

Current Students

For any enquiries about subject selection or course structure you will need to contact your Course Director. You can find the name and contact details for your Course Director in your offer letter or contact your School office.

Prospective Students

For further information about Charles Sturt University, or this course offering, please contact info.csu on 1800 334 733 (free call within Australia) or [enquire online](#).

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