VU Research Masters Courses

S2 2023

FOR STUDENTS

INFORMATION and TIMETABLE

Master of Research

Master of Applied Research

Master of Research Practice

<h1 style="color:#5bb8d8; text-align:center;">Research Masters Information:</h1>

<h1 style="color:#5bb8d8; text-align:center;">Courses, Mapping your Degree, Timetable</h1>

Key Dates S2 2023

Program Induction: Wednesday July 26, 3-5pm P134 Footscray Park (compulsory)

Graduate Researcher Orientation: Friday August 25, C203 Footscray Park 10am-12.30pm (compulsory)

Classes (refer to Finalised Timetable available at Enrolment): Program runs July 31 to October 18

NB: ALL CLASSES DELIVERED IN PERSON AT FOOTSCRAY PARK CAMPUS (unless otherwise directed)

For further administrative information, please contact Gradresearch@vu.edu.au

Once enrolled: contact Academic Coordinator Rose.Lucas@vu.edu.au

Please check that you receive your personalised Student Map at the point of enrolment – this will map out the coursework you will take in your particular pathway

1. HDR Researcher Integrity Module

In this first phase of your degree – known as the pre-Confirmation of Candidature period - you are required to undertake 3-4 self-paced online modules. These HDR Researcher Integrity modules will give you a broad-brush introduction to some of the protocols and expectations around the vital questions of integrity and ethical conduct within research work and will no doubt prompt questions for you about the undertaking of your own project; please make a note of your ideas and queries and bring them to the coursework unit to discuss in a collegial and interdisciplinary context (UGR7003 Research Integrity and Ethics, see timetable, p. 9). The core units will provide you with the opportunity to build upon the topics touched on in these modules, enabling you to gain insight into how you – as well as other students – will undertake research in a professional, constructive and transparent manner.

The HDR Researcher Integrity Modules can be located on VU Collaborate, under the Support and Collaborate tab (please note your enrolment will need to be processed before you have access to this space). The modules will take you approximately half an hour each and you will need to gain at least 80% in the quiz to have the module register as completed. You may like to discuss some of the content with your supervisor whom you should be making contact with during this initial phase. Here also is a Help Guide to Navigating VU Collaborate.

There are up to 4 modules which are appropriate for you to complete in the pre Confirmation of Candidature period (ie approx. the first 6 months f/t; 12 months p/t). All commencing HDR students *must* complete the following three modules:

1. **The Responsible Conduct of Research**
3. **Planning your Research**
4. **Managing and Recording your Research**
   +
10. Responsible Conduct of Human Participants Research (if applicable) *or*
11. The Care and Use of Animals in Research (if applicable)

You should **complete at least modules 1 and 3 before the commencement of coursework**. You will also be able to refer back to them in the course of your research degree.

NB: You will be required to have completed the above three core modules (plus any additional relevant modules) in order to present for Confirmation of Candidature.

If you have any queries regarding your access to the VU Collaborate space, please contact Researcher.development@vu.edu.au.

2. Coapitalsework Units

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Students in all three master of Research courses will study the following two core units to support them in their transition into a research pathway:

1. **UGR7002 Research Design and Proposal Development:** This unit will explicitly help you to 'put together the pieces' of your research: your research question, its position within existing knowledge, your related choices about methodology and prepare for you Confirmation of Candidature.

2. **UGR7003 Research Integrity and Ethics:** This unit gives an overview of the general and specific ways in which research must be undertaken with integrity, asking you to consider the ethical implications for your project.

Depending on your course and your background, you may also be required to take the following units:

3. **UGR7001 Introduction to Research Methodology:** This unit provides an oversight of some of the most common research methodologies, considering why they might be selected and what particular methods they might involve, *and/or*

4. **UGR7006 Enhancing Researcher Knowledge and Skills:** This is a 'shell unit,' which allows supervisors and students to build a customised unit of learning to meet the disciplinary needs of the student. It may involve auditing an existing unit (AQF 8-10) in your discipline, or working to a customised study program devised by your supervisor. It might be that you undertake a unit that is already being offered by Victoria University which you 'audit'. NB: You don't get a mark for that unit; you get a mark for UGR7006 Enhancing Researcher Knowledge and Skills.

VU Research Masters courses:

To provide students with flexibility, VU has devised three Research Masters courses of different durations and with different combinations of coursework depending on your background. Your admission into a particular Research Masters course will be determined by the Research Institute in your area. This decision will be based on: your level of qualification and the relationship between your previous study; and your proposed Masters research (i.e. whether or your previous study is in an area deemed to be cognate (related) with your proposed research).

You will be supported in this pre-Confirmation of Candidature period by the concurrent structures of a) working with your supervisor on your research project and b) by building research skills and refining that project in the context of the coursework units.

1. Master of Research
- **Duration:** 1.5 years
- **Components:**
  - Research project documented in a thesis of 25,000-50,000 words
  - 3 coursework units
    - Two units are core units – research-based
    - One unit is 'flexible' – discipline-based or research-based (depending on entry point)

2. Master of Applied Research

- **Duration:** 2.0 years
- **Components:**
  - Research project documented in a thesis of 25,000-50,000 words
  - 4 coursework units
    - Three units are research-based
    - One 'flexible' unit – discipline-based

3. Master of Research Practice
- **Duration:** 1.0 year
- **Components:**
  - o Research project documented in a thesis of 25,000-50,000 words
  - o 2 core coursework units, research-based

Mapping your Research Masters course

1. Master of Research (URRE: IHES, or URRS: ISILC)

- **Duration:** 1.5 years
- **Components:**
  - Research project documented in a thesis of 25,000-50,000 words + *either*
  - 3 research-based units, *or*
  - 2 research-based units + 1 discipline-based 'shell' unit

Research Period	A.(AQF 7, cognate): FULLTIME	A. (AQF 7, cognate): PART-TIME	B. (AQF 8, non-cognate): FULL-TIME	B. (AQF 8, non-cognate): PART-TIME
1	UGR7001 12 points	UGR7001 12 points UGR7003 12 points	UGR7002 12 points	UGR7003 12 points UGR7006 12 points
	UGR7002 12 points		UGR7003 12 points	
	UGR7003 12 points		UGR7006 12 points	
	Thesis 12 points		Thesis 12 points	
	Confirmation of Candidature		Confirmation of Candidature	
2	Thesis 48 points	UGR7002 12 points	Thesis 48 points	UGR7002 12 points
		Confirmation of Candidature		Confirmation of Candidature
		Thesis 12 points		Thesis 12 points
3	Thesis 48 points Submit	Thesis 24 points	Thesis 48 points	Thesis 24 points
4		Thesis 24 points		Thesis 24 points
5		Thesis 24 points		Thesis 24 points
6		Thesis 24 points		Thesis 24 points Submit
C'work: Thesis	36: 144		36 :144	
Total Points	144 points		144 points	

2. Master of Applied Research (URAR: IHES, or URAP: ISILC)
- **Duration:** 2.0 years
- **Components:**
  - Research project documented in a thesis of 25,000-50,000 words
  - 4 coursework units
    - Three units are research-based
    - One 'flexible' unit – discipline-based

Research Period	(AQF 7, different): 4 units Full-time	Part-time
1	UGR7001 12 points	UGR7001 12 points
	UGR7002 12 points	UGR7003 12 points
	UGR7003 12 points	
	UGR7006 12 points	
2	Confirmation of Candidature	UGR7002 12 points
	Thesis 48 points	UGR7006 12 points
		Confirmation of Candidature
3	Thesis 48 points	Thesis 24 points
4	Thesis 48 points Submit	Thesis 24 points
5		Thesis 24 points
6		Thesis 24 points
7		Thesis 24 points
8		Thesis 24 points Submit
C'work: Thesis	**48: 144**	
Total Points	**192 credit points**	

3. Master of Research Practice (URPR: IHES, or URPC: ISILC)

- **Duration:** 1.0 year
- **Components:**
  - Research project documented in a thesis of 25,000-50,000 words
  - 2 coursework units, research-based

Research Period	(AQF 8, cognate): 2 units FULL-TIME	PART-TIME
1	UGR7002 12 points	UGR7002 12 points
		UGR7003 12 points
	UGR7003 12 points	
	Thesis 24 points Confirmation of Candidature	
2	Thesis 48 points Submit	Thesis 24 points Confirmation of Candidature
3		Thesis 24 points
4		Thesis 24 points Submit
Ratio C'work: Thesis	24: 72	
Total Points	96 credit point	

Research Period 2 2023 Timetable
Research Masters

NB:

- Commencing students will be enrolled according to your **Student Map (Masters)**
- Continuing students enrol via MyVU Portal where enrolment can be checked
- **All classes will be held in person P134 Footscray Park** (unless otherwise notified) and you will be contacted one week prior to classes commencing; you will *not need* to allocate on MyTimetable.

Classes & events

Unit/Event	Date	Time
Master of Research Program Induction (compulsory for *commencing* students only)	Wednesday 26 July	3-5 pm
Graduate Researcher Orientation (for all commencing research students)	Friday 25 August	10am – 12.30pm
UGR7001 Introduction to Research Methodology	31/7, 2/8, 7/8, 9/8,14/8, 16/8, 21/8, 23/8	Mondays and Wednesdays 3-5.30 pm
UGR7002 Research Design and Proposal Development	28/8, 30/8, 4/9, 6/9, 11/9, 13/9, 18/9, 20/9	Mondays and Wednesdays 3-5.30 pm
UGR7003 Research Integrity and Ethics	25/9, 27/9, 2/10, 4/10, 9/10, 11/10, 16/10, 18/10	Mondays and Wednesdays 3 – 5.30pm
UGR7006 Enhancing Research Knowledge and Skills. For students in the 2 year Master of Applied Research only, this 'shell unit' provides customised disciplinary material to support the production of the research.	Not scheduled; the work for this unit will take place in the context of supervision. • Assessments on Collaborate Dropbox • Results due by 1 November 2023	
Towards Confirmation Workshops for Masters students presenting for Confirmation in 2024. Please attend *1 workshop* at least 1 month before you present. Registrations through [Researcher Development Calendar](#)	Workshops to be held throughout 2023: • Oct 17, 2023 10-1 • Feb 2024 tbc 10-1 • May 2024 tbc 10-1	10am - 1pm

Please contact the Academic Coordinator, HDR Coursework units, if you have any further queries: Rose.Lucas@vu.edu.au