

| AQF LEVEL | AQF LEVEL 9 CRITERIA – MASTERS DEGREE (RESEARCH) | | PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES |
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| PURPOSE | The Masters Degree (Research) qualifies individuals who apply an advanced body of knowledge in a range of contexts for research and scholarship and as a pathway for further learning. | | |
| KNOWLEDGE | Graduates of a Masters Degree (Research) will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a body of knowledge that includes the understanding of recent developments in one or more disciplines advanced knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to the field of work or learning | Graduates of the Masters of Philosophy (MPhil) will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> made a contribution to knowledge in the MPhil field of research advanced knowledge of current research findings and methods related to their MPhil field of research | |
| SKILLS | Graduates of a Masters Degree (Research) will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cognitive skills to demonstrate mastery of theoretical knowledge and to reflect critically on theory and its application cognitive, technical and creative skills to investigate, analyse and synthesise complex information, problems, concepts and theories and to apply established theories to different bodies of knowledge or practice cognitive, technical and creative skills to generate and evaluate complex ideas and concepts at an abstract level cognitive and technical skills to design, use and evaluate research and research methods communication and technical skills to present a coherent and sustained argument and to disseminate research results to specialist and non-specialist audiences technical and communication skills to design, evaluate, implement, analyse, theorise and disseminate research that makes a contribution to knowledge | Graduates of the Master of Philosophy will have specialised cognitive and technical skills in their field of research to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse critically, reflect on and synthesise complex information, problems, ideas and concepts at an abstract level Ethically design, interpret, apply and conduct research Employ communication skills to present a coherent and sustained argument to specialist and non-specialist audiences Employ professional communication skills, in a culturally responsive manner, with a range of socially and culturally diverse audiences. | |

**APPLICATION OF
KNOWLEDGE &
SKILLS**

Graduates of a Masters Degree (Research) will demonstrate the application of knowledge & skills:

- with creativity and initiative to new situations and/or for further learning
- with high level personal autonomy and accountability
- to plan and execute a substantial piece of research

Graduates of the Master of Philosophy will demonstrate the application of knowledge & skills:

- to plan and execute research findings and methods and apply research outcomes within their field of research
- with initiative and creativity to interpret, initiate and execute a substantial research project
- with a high level of critical self-knowledge as a foundation for personal autonomy and professional judgement
- with a highly developed capacity for independent, autonomous, self-directed learning