

AQF LEVEL	AQF LEVEL 9 CRITERIA – MASTERS DEGREE (COURSEWORK)	PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES
PURPOSE	The Masters Degree (Coursework) qualifies individuals who apply an advanced body of knowledge in a range of contexts for professional practice or scholarship and as a pathway for further learning	
KNOWLEDGE	Graduates of a Masters Degree (Coursework) will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ a body of knowledge that includes the understanding of recent developments in a discipline and/or area of professional practice ▪ knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to a field of work and or learning 	<i>Graduates of the Master of Design will have:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed and deep knowledge of relevant design principles and processes across diverse creative and design disciplines in professional contexts <i>Graduates of the Master of Design will be able to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think critically when making decisions to identify issues in professional, industry and research contexts by selecting and implementing appropriate research approaches and methodologies • Ideate creatively to propose innovative, ethical, and sustainable solutions, artefacts, or practices that address the professional, industry or research issues identified
SKILLS	Graduates of a Masters Degree (Coursework) will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cognitive skills to demonstrate mastery of theoretical knowledge and to reflect critically on theory and professional practice or scholarship ▪ 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate visual literacy across diverse contexts appropriate to the design outcomes • Select and use processes to investigate and experiment with innovative approaches to professional practice and research • Communicate creative process that explains proposed solutions, the relationship between research and practice, and reasons for adopting particular approaches • Demonstrate potential benefits and values emerging from the design outcomes

**APPLICATION OF
KNOWLEDGE &
SKILLS**

- communication and technical research skills to justify and interpret theoretical propositions, methodologies, conclusions and professional decisions to specialist and non-specialist audiences
- technical and communication skills to design, evaluate, implement, analyse and theorise about developments that contribute to professional practice or scholarship

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

- with creativity and initiative to new situations in professional practice and/or for further learning
- with high level personal autonomy and accountability
- to plan and execute a substantial research-based project, capstone experience and/or piece of scholarship