

# **Master by Coursework**

## **Entrance Level**

The normal requirement for admission is completion at a suitably high level of a Bachelor Degree, Honours Bachelor Degree, Postgraduate Diploma or a Graduate Diploma in a discipline relevant to the proposed study.

## **Duration**

Normally a minimum of one year's full-time study or equivalent (120 credit points) if following completion of a four year Degree, an Honours year or a Postgraduate Diploma

Normally a minimum of eighteen months full-time study or equivalent otherwise (180 -240 credit points).

## **Learning Outcomes (AQF)**

Characteristics of learning outcomes at this level include the mastery or overview of the relevant field of study or area of professional practice. The emphasis for the Master Coursework includes the acquisition or enhancement of specific professional or vocational skills and knowledge undertaken largely by coursework.

A graduate of a Master's degree program is able to:

- provide appropriate evidence of advanced knowledge about a specialist body of theoretical and applied topics;
- demonstrate a high order of skill in analysis, critical evaluation and/or professional application through the planning and execution of project work; and
- demonstrate creativity and flexibility in the application of knowledge and skills to new situations, to solve complex problems and to think rigorously and independently.

## **Exit Standard (AQF)**

A Coursework Master degree normally consists of material at fourth or fifth-year level, which pursues the undergraduate discipline at a deeper and broader level. A Coursework Master may include a minor thesis component of 15000 words or a workplace based project of equivalent standard.

With a thesis component, the Coursework Master may serve as an entrance requirement for PhD candidature.

## **Award**

Successful candidates are normally awarded a Master of (specialisation), Master of (field of study) or Master of (field of study) Studies/Science. The latter may be used if it is wished to differentiate the degree from a research Master degree.