

Professional Master by Coursework

Entrance Level

The normal requirement for admission is a Bachelor Degree (which may be from an unrelated discipline area) plus professional experience; other relevant qualification and professional experience; or extensive relevant professional experience.

Individual faculties have the prerogative to determine the extent of recognition of prior learning which may be credited towards the Professional Master by Coursework however candidates must study a total load of not less than 120 credit points at the University.

Duration

Two to four standard semesters full-time equivalent (120 – 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 Professional Master degree includes the acquisition or enhancement of specific professional or vocational skills and knowledge undertaken by coursework and may include a workplace based project.

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)

These programs vary in the extent to which they build directly on undergraduate programs. The Professional Master program may involve a work-based project in an area of study that meets the needs of the participants and their workplaces.

Completion of a Professional Master by Coursework would not normally entitle the graduate to direct entry to the PhD, as this degree does not focus on research training.

Award

Successful candidates are normally awarded a Master of (field of study) or Master of (specialisation) 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.