



AlphaCrucis University College

COURSE HANDBOOK

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

Graduate Research School

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Overview

Master of Philosophy	Program Director	Professor Johannes Luetz
	AQF Level	AQF Level 9 (Postgraduate)
	Qualification	Master Degree (Higher Degree Research)
	Subjects	3 (including thesis)
	IELTS	7.0
	Languages of Instruction	English
	CRICOS Code	089243A
	ASCED Code	091703
	Accreditation	Self-accreditation
	Course Length	1.5 years full-time; up to 6 years part-time
	Entry Requirements	https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/master-philosophy-mphil/

COURSE OVERVIEW

Alphacrucis University College's Master of Philosophy (MPhil) program provides an opportunity for original research in the broad fields of Theology, Business, and Education, while also developing the advanced research skills required for doctoral study. The program equips candidates to contribute new knowledge and practice within their discipline, and serves as a recognised pathway into the PhD.

Building on AC's rapidly growing research profile, the MPhil program is supported by outstanding faculty in many disciplines, many of whom are world leaders in their fields. Candidates become part of a vibrant research community that values academic excellence, collegial support, and Christian engagement with society.

Competitive research scholarships are available, awarded on the basis of research excellence and/or demonstrated financial need. Each application is carefully assessed on its individual merits.



Course Structure

Note: Contact the Student Support Team for access to previous course version.

This course structure applies to students who commenced from 2021.

The course consists of 120 credit points comprising:

- one core research methods unit (20 credit points);
- one subject at 700 level (20 credit points) to be taken from the area of specialisation; and
- one core 30,000 word research thesis (80 credit points) in the area of specialisation.

To qualify for award of the degree of Master of Philosophy a candidate shall complete at least 120 credit points.

Content of the course of study		Credit points
Core Subjects	RES701 Research Methods	1 x 20
	RES703 MPhil Research Thesis	1 x 80
	XXX706 Advanced Studies in Discipline Area	1 x 20
Electives	Nil	
Rules of Progression	Refer to the candidature policy and procedure.	
Other protocols of the course	To be eligible to graduate, students must pass at least 120 credit points.	
Bridging/nested courses	There are no nested awards within the Master of Philosophy. The Master of Philosophy can be nested into the Doctor of Philosophy.	



Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:

- Critical, creative and systematic understanding of a substantial and complex body of knowledge that makes an original contribution to a particular area in the field of specialisation such as Systematic Theology, Biblical Studies, History, Ministry, Business, Leadership, Communication, Education, Educational Leadership or Theological Education;
- Advanced knowledge of scholarship and recent developments in the area under consideration;
- Understanding of advanced research principles and methods, and substantial knowledge of specific research approaches used within the chosen field.

Graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- Autonomously engage in critical reflection, analysis and synthesis of the body of theoretical knowledge related to a particular area within the field of Theology, Business and/or Education;
- Establish, incorporate and apply effective research methodologies to advance existing professional knowledge and/or practice;
- Design a research question that explores an original and complex issue and propose solutions;
- Communicate effectively the complexity of the research and its findings to peers and the community;
- Provide creative responses to the contemporary challenges and new developments in research and scholarship within the chosen field;
- Apply the knowledge and skills developed within the selected research field to engage with new questions and find innovative and creative solutions;
- Work independently and responsibly in the selected research field;
- Effectively design, implement and communicate a major thesis in the selected research field to contribute original knowledge and expertise to peers and the community;
- Develop an advanced level of integrative reflection which will inform and enhance professional practice.



Other Course Information

Graduates of the MPhil program may progress into the Doctor of Philosophy. Graduates are advised to contact the Future Students Team for information on eligibility requirements for further study.

For other course information, such as information on Professional Accreditation and available intakes, visit the course web page:

<https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/master-philosophy-mphil/>



Useful Links

AC WEBSITE



<https://www.ac.edu.au/>

ACADEMIC CALENDAR



<https://www.ac.edu.au/key-dates/>

HOW TO ENROL



Please see the [Timetable](#) for available subjects and contact [Student Support Team](#) for tailored academic advice before completing the enrolment form.

AC POLICIES



<https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/>

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Enrolled students will have access to AC's [LMS](#)

FEES



<https://www.ac.edu.au/fees-financing/>

STUDENT FORMS



<https://www.ac.edu.au/forms/>

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES



<https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/graduate-attributes-policy/>



Student Support

The Student Support team are available if you need assistance. Email the team via: studentsupport@ac.edu.au or book a phone or video call via: [Bookings](#)

Phone: (02) 8893 9005

<https://www.ac.edu.au/student-services/>

For disability support please contact dso@ac.edu.au



Appendix 1

COURSE PROGRESSION TRACKING TEMPLATE

Master of Philosophy

Student:	
Student ID number:	
Year of commencement:	

Master of Philosophy requirements:

- 20 credit points of core research methods (RES701);
- 20 credit points of a 700 level subject from the area of specialisation (XXX706); and
- 80 credit points of research thesis (RES703).

120 cp of Core subjects Subject Code & Name	Subject Credit Points	Comments