

Higher Degree Research Admissions Policy

Schedule 2: Additional Entry Requirements to Master of Research and Master of Research Courses

Purpose

This Schedule sets out additional entry requirements for applicants to Master of Research courses.

Schedule

Additional Discipline-specific Entry Requirements for Master of Research applicants

Macquarie University requires that applicants for the Master of Research courses provide evidence that they meet the following academic achievement criteria in their previous courses of study:

Faculty and Department	Applicants with MQ qualifications (WAM) from 2020 onwards		Applicants with qualifications from other institutions (GPA on 7 point scale)	
	Overall academic achievement	Academic achievement in final year of Bachelor or highest level of study	Overall academic achievement	Academic achievement in final year of Bachelor or highest level of study
Faculty of Arts				
Educational Studies	70	70 ¹	5.25	5.25 ¹
English	70	75	5.25	5.69
Sociology	70	75	5.25	5.69
Philosophy	70	70	5.25	5.25
Faculty of Arts - all other disciplines	65	70	4.38	5.25
Faculty of Science and Engineering				
Maths	A knowledge of algebra and mathematical analysis at a senior undergraduate level is assumed. Mathematical study in the last undergraduate year equivalent to at least four 3000- level Macquarie Mathematics units.			
Faculty of Science and Engineering - all other disciplines	65	70	4.38	5.25
Macquarie Business School				
MQBS - all disciplines	70	75 ²	5.25	5.6 ²

Faculty of Medicine Health and Human Sciences				
Cognitive Science ³	75	80	5.69	6.13
Linguistics	70	70	5.25	5.25
Psychology	65	75	4.38	5.69
Faculty of Medicine Health and Human Sciences - all other disciplines	65	70	4.38	5.25

¹ Applicants who do not meet the GPA at or above 3000 level (final year of Bachelor) or at the highest level of studies may also make a case for admission by supplying additional evidence of relevant professional experience or other qualifications.

² Applicable to 3000+ level units and is required only if the degree being used for admission is Bachelor. If the degree being used for admission is a Master degree then the “overall academic achievement” WAM/GPA is applicable.

³ Applicants who cannot satisfy this GPA requirement may make a case via written support from a potential supervisor in the discipline.

Definitions

GPA means the Grade Point Average of a student qualification is a calculated value which reflects the overall grades of a student in a coursework program. It is based on the units completed towards that program at Macquarie University (including passed and failed) and does not take into account any credit points granted for advanced standing or non-award study. The GPA is printed on all academic records of Macquarie University prior to 2020. The GPA on a 7 point scale is calculated using the GPA calculator for non-Macquarie University coursework qualifications submitted by applicants for the Master of Research courses as evidence they meet the admission criteria.

WAM means Weighed Average Mark and is the average of all of the actual marks received in all units of a course, and is printed on all academic records of Macquarie University after 2020. The WAM is the measure of academic achievement in MQ coursework qualifications from 2020 onwards submitted by applicants for the Master of Research as evidence they meet the admission criteria.

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