



Fact sheet

MASTER OF RESEARCH – EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

The Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research (BPhil/MRes) equips students with intensive research preparation before beginning doctoral study.

YEAR 1

The first year of BPhil/MRes allows you the flexibility to undertake advanced topics from the list of units offered by your department as well as those offered by other disciplines at Macquarie University (with academic approval).

ADVANCED DISCIPLINARY TOPICS

Select units from Educational Studies or other discipline areas to supplement your studies. You are also required to include at least one research methodology unit.

Discuss your plans with your MRes Advisor. It may be possible to select a unit or units from a different department or faculty, provided the topic is relevant for your research and you have sufficient background to undertake studies at the advanced undergraduate level. Your MRes Advisor will liaise with counterparts in other departments or faculties to facilitate your unit selections.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

If you think you might be eligible, ask your MRes Advisor. You may request recognition of relevant prior learning especially if you have completed:

- Master by coursework
- Honours degree

Year 1 Example Pattern

Educational Studies

Core Unit	Research Communication	MRES700
Core Unit	Research Frontiers in Human Sciences: Education	FOHS700
Compulsory Disciplinary Units	Advanced Topic in Research in the Human Sciences (Introduction to Educational Research EDCN800)	FOHS720*
Choose at least 1 of these units	Qualitative Methods: Issues and Practices	SOCI701
	Social Survey Research: Issues and Practices	SOCI702
Elective Units	Curriculum Studies	EDUC703
	Assessment Issues	EDUC704
	PACE for Research	MRES701
	Choose 4 units from the range of Educational Studies units, see also 700-level MRes units of Study in the MQ Handbook for a full list on units/ descriptions.	

YEAR 2

Year 2 follows a planned program of goals leading to the completion of an individual research project. These goals align with required tasks and are assessable. You will also meet regularly with your supervisory team and will attend presentations, colloquia or workshops (either on campus or online).

GOALS 1-5

Goal 1: Research Frontiers 2 Essay - this extends candidates' knowledge of research innovations in their discipline

Goal 2: Literature Review – candidates will review the current literature relating to their individual research project and produce a draft literature review chapter

Goal 3: Research Methods – development at the MRes level is self-directed and tailored to suit each candidate in consultation with the supervisor.

Goal 4: Research Planning – candidates will be expected to attend central workshops in research planning and project management.

Goal 5: Thesis – Candidates are expected to complete a significant individual research project of their own design in order to demonstrate individual research capability to conduct a major (PhD) research project.



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* Please enrol on FOHS720 which is a shell [generic] unit code that allows candidates to undertake this required advanced topic in educational research (EDCN800)

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