Master of Research
Ancient History – 2019

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The MRes program offers unique opportunities to develop your research skills in preparation for PhD study, and enhance your employability. Our students achieve breadth and depth of advanced disciplinary knowledge and develop a range of transferable skills highly valued by employers, such as critical thinking, analysis, and oral and written communication.

If you join the BPhil/MRes program in the Faculty of Arts, you will be a part of our proud tradition of discovery and innovation in the discipline of Ancient History.

The BPhil/MRes program in Ancient History provides specialist training in the sub-disciplines of Ancient History, as well as an opportunity to build up expertise in a complementary sub-discipline or enhance your ancient language skills. During the year students plan their own research project for the following year, in collaboration with researchers covering nearly every area of the ancient Mediterranean, Egypt, and the near East in antiquity from historical, archaeological, and linguistic perspectives.

2019 YEAR 1 PROGRAMME

In Year 1 (BPhil) you will undertake advanced coursework units. Ancient History students must take the Faculty and disciplinary compulsory units and can select their electives from a wide range of units. For more information, please consult with your Department MRes Director and visit the 2019 Handbook.

A BPhil in Ancient History will:
- Provide students with advanced training in the research techniques of their chosen discipline
- Enhance written and spoken communication skills
- Prepare students for research on a topic of their choice in MRes Year 2 and beyond

Candidates who successfully complete the requirements of Year 1 may continue onto Year 2 or may exit the program and be awarded a Bachelor of Philosophy (BPhil).

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<td>Compulsory Faculty Unit:</td>
<td>FOAR701 Research Paradigms</td>
<td>FOAR700 Research Frontiers 1</td>
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<td>Compulsory Disciplinary Unit:</td>
<td>AHIS700 Historiography and Ancient History</td>
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<td>Plus:</td>
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Note: Year 1 is based around sessional enrolment periods.

2019 ELECTIVE UNITS

Note: to enrol in elective units you are required to obtain approval from your Ancient History MRes Director.

TRANSDISCIPLINARY UNITS

FOAR703 – Living in the Anthropocene
FOAR706 – Feminism, Queer Theory & the Problem of Identity

In addition to the above transdisciplinary units, the Faculty of Arts has a range of diverse advanced disciplinary units available across 12 departments, for more information please refer to the 2019 Handbook.

MEET OUR STUDENTS

“The MRes degree offered the opportunity to learn more about the research required for Ancient History and Archaeology, and indulge other subjects to broaden my interdisciplinary skillset e.g. Spatial Information Science.

It gave me the confidence to communicate my research in a simple and engaging manner to both expert and mainstream audiences. This experience has been vital for my subsequent PhD studies.”

Olivier Rochecouste, Master of Research graduate

Information in this flyer is current as of 15 January 2019.
2019 YEAR 2 PROGRAMME

Year 2 (MRes) is a masters-level postgraduate research training program. The MRes in Ancient History offers students the chance to undertake a major research project on a topic of their choice and to become part of the research community in Ancient History at Macquarie. A structured program of activities assists students in meeting their goal, of submitting a 20,000 word research thesis.

Year 2 of the program is based around five core activities:
1) Research Frontiers 2 (RF2)
2) Literature Review
3) Research Methods
4) Research Planning
5) Thesis (20,000 words) based on a small research project

On successful completion of the two-year program, candidates are awarded the Master of Research degree.

RESEARCH FRONTIERS 2 CONFERENCE
This annual meeting is a wonderful opportunity for Year 2 students to share information about their projects with both their peers and staff from across the Faculty, and to showcase the breadth of innovative research undertaken by our Master of Research Year 2 cohort.

Dr Linda Evans, Faculty Master of Research Director

OVERVIEW – YEAR 2 – FULL TIME

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| January | | • Enrolment and Expected Work Submission (EWS) date is established.  
• Candidates are to commence work on their thesis from their enrolment date. |
| February | | • Year 2 Information Session and RF2 Lectures.  
• Candidates who enter Y2 directly (i.e. did not complete Y1) must also attend the compulsory 2-day Research Intensive workshop. |
| April | | • Art of Presentations seminar |
| June | | • RF2 Conference (F/T)  
• RF2 Written Report |
| October | | • Thesis submission (F/T) |
| November | | • Y2 to PhD/MPHil progression form and research proposal due or reflective essay. |

MEET OUR STUDENTS

“I am a first year PhD candidate who greatly values the learning and experience gained from having completed the Master of Research two-year program, particularly the final thesis year.

In that intense second year, I honed my interviewing skills by traveling around Australia and interviewing 12 participants. I learned how to analyse the data thematically and with respect to the relevant theory. All the while, the discipline of fortnightly meetings with my supervisors proved the importance of preparing and maintaining a work schedule. Such experiences have given me the confidence to proceed to a PhD.”

Margaret Kelly, Master of Research graduate

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