



MQBS8990

Master of Research in Business

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Macquarie Business School Faculty level units

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General Information

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Credit points 80
Prerequisites Admission to MRes
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description The Master of Research in Business is not designed around units. The thesis together with research activities form a single coherent research unit based on individual research plans and will consist of Research Proposal, Research Frontiers 2, Research Methods, and Thesis components.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Apply critical and integrative thinking to develop research questions within your discipline through scholarly investigation of currently available evidence.

ULO2: Communicate a coherent and sustained argument in relation to your research outcomes to specialist and non-specialist audiences.

ULO3: Employ integrity and ethical conduct in research as a socially and culturally responsible researcher.

ULO4: Plan and execute a research project to contribute knowledge to your discipline.

ULO5: Demonstrate expert judgement, adaptability and accountability in your professional practice as an independent researcher.

ULO6: Apply high-level cognitive, creative and technical skills to generate and evaluate complex ideas and concepts.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Research Frontier 2	10%	No	As per the ilearn site
Research Thesis	90%	No	As per the ilearn site

Research Frontier 2

Assessment Type ¹: Plan

Indicative Time on Task ²: hours

Due: **As per the ilearn site**

Weighting: **10%**

By the end of this component of the program, candidates will be able to develop their individual research projects in the context of the latest research developments in their field.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Communicate a coherent and sustained argument in relation to your research outcomes to specialist and non-specialist audiences.
- Employ integrity and ethical conduct in research as a socially and culturally responsible researcher.

Research Thesis

Assessment Type ¹: Thesis

Indicative Time on Task ²: hours

Due: **As per the ilearn site**

Weighting: **90%**

Candidate submission of thesis for examination. Candidates will complete a thesis equivalent to 15,000-20,000 words, subject to disciplinary standards. The thesis will be due in around 10 months (20 months part-time equivalent) after enrolment and subject to the specific date on your Research Student Profile (RSP)

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- Employ integrity and ethical conduct in research as a socially and culturally responsible researcher.
- Plan and execute a research project to contribute knowledge to your discipline.
- Demonstrate expert judgement, adaptability and accountability in your professional practice as an independent researcher.
- Apply high-level cognitive, creative and technical skills to generate and evaluate complex ideas and concepts.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Consult the detailed unit guide on the ilearn site

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/su\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/su)

[pport/study/policies](#)). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central](#) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit connect.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Academic Success

[Academic Success](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via the [Service Connect Portal](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

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