

Master of Science (Research) (MSCR) - MSCR

CRICOS code (International applicants): 070618G

	On-campus[^]	External[^]
Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Ipswich, Toowoomba	-
	Domestic full fee paying place	Domestic full fee paying place

Advanced Research specialisation

This specialisation is designed to provide students who have already undertaken substantial prior studies in a relevant area with the opportunity to focus on a significant research project in a related area.

Transfer between specialisations within this program is not possible.

Program objectives

General objectives

On successful completion of this program a graduate should be able to:

- identify, interpret and evaluate major issues of contemporary theory and practice in their discipline area
- comprehend and evaluate developments in a chosen discipline area and critically examine the relationships between such developments and contemporary theory
- apply a knowledge of the principles and ethics of research within their chosen discipline area
- identify research topics and undertake research using appropriate research methods and principles.
- report and disseminate research outcomes.

Specialisation Objectives

Applied Research specialisation

On successful completion of this program a graduate should be able to:

- apply extended knowledge, skills and research expertise in a specified field of scientific research building upon their three year degree
- plan and execute a substantial applied research project in their chosen discipline area.

Psychology Research specialisation

On successful completion of this program a student should be able to:

- apply extended knowledge, skills, and research expertise in the discipline of psychology
- clearly articulate the ethical and social responsibilities of psychology practice and research
- identify, interpret and critically evaluate major issues in contemporary psychological theory and research

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

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- completion of a 1.5 year Australian university Masters degree in a relev

The Australian Commonwealth Government's contribution to program fees must be acknowledged on all published material relating to a research project via a statement identifying the support received through the RTP Fees Offset scheme.

Program structure

Applied Research specialisation

There are 12 units in the program. There are four coursework units which will include a research training course. Courses are normally at level 4 or above and are selected in consultation with the supervisor to reflect additional training complementary to the area of research to be undertaken. The research training course will consist of [SCI8103 Research Fundamentals and Ethics](#) or [HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences](#) or [ENG8001 Engineering Research Methods](#) or equivalent (as approved)

of a USQ Research Centre. Details of current research programs and potential supervisors can be found on the [Research](#) webpage.

The emphasis of the program will be on developing the appropriate knowledge and skills to undertake independent research and professional practice. Accordingly, a major component of the program will be a supervised research project.

There are 12 units in the program. There is one unit of coursework research training, one postgraduate elective (coursework or research training as approved by the program coordinator) and 10 units of independent research. Progress in the research courses is monitored via research reports co-ordinated by the Office of Research and Higher Degrees. In addition, two of the research project courses ([SCI9012 Master of Science Research Project B](#) and [SCI9013 Master of Science Research Project C](#)) are formally evaluated. [SCI9012 Master of Science Research Project B](#) is evaluated by a progress report and a thesis proposal. In the case of [SCI9013 Master of Science Research Project C](#), this is evaluated by a progress seminar and progress report.

The student will prepare a thesis based on independently conducted research. T

Applied Research and Advanced Research:

Elective course options within the Applied Research and Advanced Research specialisations may have residential schools and students should seek confirmation of the requirements when selecting their electives.

Exit points

Students enrolled in the Applied Research specialisation, who have successfully completed four coursework units and wish to exit without completing the program, may seek, with approval of the Program Coordinator, to exit via the [Graduate Certificate of Science](#). Students must successfully complete this specialisation prior to application for entry to the PhD program.

Students enrolled in the Psychology Research specialisation must successfully complete this specialisation prior to application for entry to the PhD.

Doctorate transfer

Students enrolled in the Master of Science (Research) Advanced Research specialisation, who wish to transfer without completing the program, may on the basis of outstanding performance, seek to transfer to the [Doctor of Philosophy](#), [Doctor of Applied Science](#) or [Doctor of Health](#). To be considered for acceptance into either of the above programs, students must have achieved all of the following:

- Completed at least 8 units within the Master of Science (Research) Advanced Research specialisation.
- A GPA of at least 6 achieved from chosen research methodology course, approved elective course and [SCI9013 Master of Science Research Project C](#) (with a minimum A grade in SCI9013).
- Research Confirmation of Candidature approved at PhD level by the Office of Research Graduate Studies.
- Excellent research progress to be presented at the completion of 8 units, to be assessed by a Faculty review panel.

Credit

There will be no Credit or Exemptions for research project units in any specialisation of this program. Exemption for up to 4 units of relevant coursework undertaken as part of a Masters program may be approved within the Master of Science (Research) (Applied Research). Exemption for 1 unit of relevant coursework undertaken as part of a Masters program may be approved within the Master of Science (Research) (Advanced Research). There will normally be no Credit or Exemptions for the compulsory coursework units in the Psychology Research specialisation.

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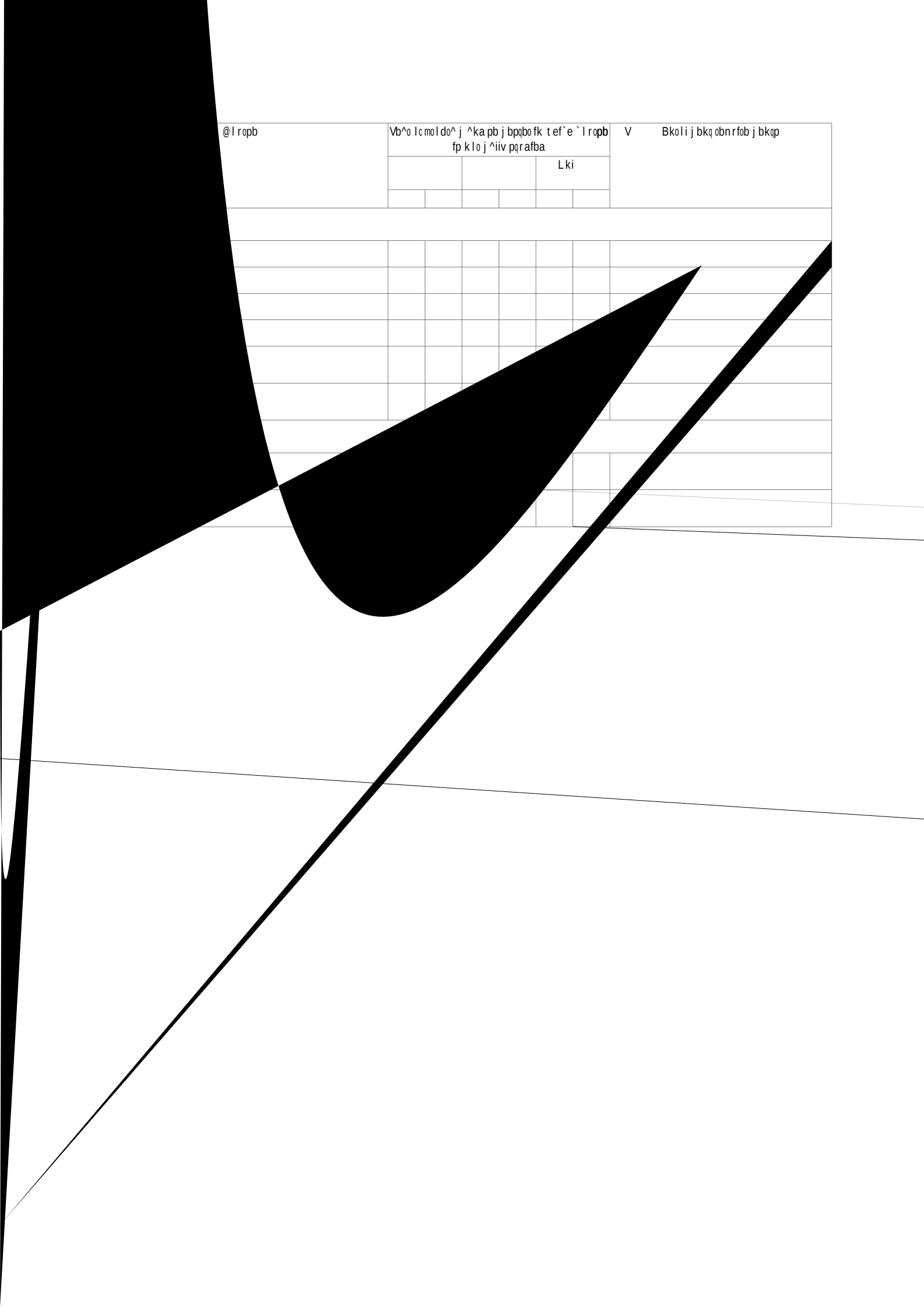
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