

# 101AA Ph.D.- Arts

<b>Year and Campus:</b>	2014 - Parkville
<b>CRICOS Code:</b>	056954J
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Level:</b>	Research Higher Degree
<b>Duration &amp; Credit Points:</b>	Students are expected to complete this research in 3.00 years full time, or equivalent part time. Credit Points: 300
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<b>Course Overview:</b>	<p>The degree of Doctor of Philosophy signifies that the holder has undertaken a substantial piece of original research, which has been conducted and reported by the holder under proper academic supervision and in a research environment for a prescribed period.</p> <p>The PhD thesis demonstrates authority in the candidate's field and shows evidence of command of knowledge in relevant fields. It shows that the candidate has a thorough grasp of the appropriate methodological techniques and an awareness of their limitations. The thesis also makes a distinct contribution to knowledge. Its contribution to knowledge rests on originality of approach and / or interpretation of the findings and, in some cases, the discovery of new facts. The thesis demonstrates an ability to communicate research findings effectively in the professional arena and in an international context. It is a careful, rigorous and sustained piece of work demonstrating that a research 'apprenticeship' is complete and the holder is admitted to the community of scholars in the discipline.</p> <p>In scope, the PhD thesis differs from a research Masters thesis chiefly by its deeper and more comprehensive treatment of the chosen subject. It is written succinctly, in English, unless approval has been given for the thesis to be written in a language other than English. The normal length of a PhD thesis is 80,000 words, exclusive of words in tables, maps, bibliographies and appendices. Footnotes are included as part of the word limit. The thesis should not exceed 100,000 words (or equivalent) without special approval from the Research Higher Degrees Committee.</p>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p>Doctoral degrees at the University of Melbourne seek to develop graduates who demonstrate academic leadership, increasing independence, creativity and innovation in their research work.</p> <p><b>Students who complete the PhD Arts should have:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># an advanced ability to initiate research and to formulate viable research questions;</li> <li># a demonstrated capacity to design, conduct and report sustained and original research;</li> <li># the capacity to contextualise research within an international corpus of specialist knowledge;</li> <li># an advanced ability to evaluate and synthesize research-based and scholarly literature;</li> <li># an advanced understanding of key disciplinary and multi-disciplinary norms and perspectives relevant to the field;</li> <li># highly developed problem-solving abilities and flexibility of approach;</li> <li># the ability to analyse critically within and across a changing disciplinary environment;</li> <li># the capacity to disseminate the results of research and scholarship by oral and written communication to a variety of audiences;</li> <li># a capacity to cooperate with and respect the contributions of fellow researchers and scholars;</li> <li># a profound respect for truth and intellectual integrity, and for the ethics of research and scholarship;</li> <li># an advanced facility in the management of information, including the application of computer systems and software where appropriate to the student's field of study;</li> </ul>

- # an understanding of the relevance and value of their research to national and international communities of scholars and collaborators;
- # an awareness where appropriate of issues related to intellectual property management and the commercialisation of innovation; and
- # an ability to formulate applications to relevant agencies, such as funding bodies and ethics committees.

The University provides a variety of opportunities in addition to the supervised research program, to facilitate a students' acquisition of these attributes.

#### Course Structure & Available Subjects:

PhD thesis of 80,000 words. The award of the PhD is based solely on external examination of the PhD research thesis.

Three compulsory coursework subjects (25 points in total) undertaken in the first year of probationary candidature:

- # One Arts PhD research workshop taken over two consecutive semesters (2 x 6.25 = 12.5 points)
- # Two Arts PhD elective subjects (12.5 points)

**Please note:** Successful completion of the coursework component is a hurdle requirement for Confirmation of PhD candidature. Prior to Confirmation, students are required to:

- # achieve at least a H2A grade in their 'Arts PhD Research Workshop', and
- # complete 12.5 points of PhD Elective study with at least a H3 grade in both Electives.

#### Subject Options:

##### Arts PhD Research Workshop Subjects

One Arts PhD research workshop subject (12.5 points)

##### Please note the following:

The Arts PhD Research Workshop is taken over two consecutive semesters

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
MULT90032 Researching the Past	Semester 1, Semester 2	6.25
MULT90033 Researching Texts	Semester 1, Semester 2	6.25
MULT90034 Researching Society and Culture	Semester 1, Semester 2	6.25
MULT90035 Researching Images	Semester 1, Semester 2	6.25
MULT90036 Researching Ideas	Semester 1, Semester 2	6.25
MULT90037 Researching Cultures	Semester 1, Semester 2	6.25
MULT90038 Researching Politics and Policy	Semester 1, Semester 2	6.25
MULT90039 Researching Language	Semester 1, Semester 2	6.25

##### Arts PhD Elective Subjects

Two Arts PhD elective subjects (12.5 points)

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
MULT90026 PhD Elective 1	Semester 1, Semester 2	6.25
MULT90027 PhD Elective 2	Semester 2	6.25
MULT90040 Time	Semester 1	6.25
MULT90041 The Politics of Translation	Semester 1	6.25

MULT90042 The Politics of Building Peace	May	6.25
MULT90043 The Reasonableness of Religious Belief	Semester 2	6.25
MULT90044 The Art and Practice of the Essay	Semester 1	6.25
MULT90045 Settlers and Natives	Semester 2	6.25
MULT90046 Reading Foucault's "The Order of Things"	Semester 2	6.25
MULT90047 Pierre Bourdieu's Economy of Being	Semester 1	6.25
MULT90048 Pictorial Representation	Semester 2	6.25
MULT90049 New Approaches to the Age of Revolutions	Semester 2	6.25
MULT90050 Language Policy	Semester 1	6.25
MULT90051 Research in Languages other than English	Semester 1	6.25
MULT90052 Greco-Roman Governance and Public Policy	Semester 2	6.25
MULT90053 Critical Theory Since the 1960s	Semester 1	6.25
MULT90054 Advanced Quantitative Methods	Semester 2	6.25
MULT90055 Advanced Qualitative Methods	Semester 1	6.25
MULT90056 Digital Humanities:Working with Archives	Semester 2	6.25
MULT90057 Affective Cartography	Semester 2	6.25
PSYC90085 Mastering Fear: Women, Emotions & Horror	May	6.25
ANTH90005 Structure and Agency in Everyday Life	August	6.25
GEND90009 Feminist Knowledge	Semester 2	6.25

**Entry Requirements:****The criteria for assessing applicants' eligibility for PhD candidature are:****1 Minimum qualifications**

Applicants are normally required to have completed at least a four-year honours degree at H2A standard from an Australian university, or a qualification or combination of qualifications considered by the RHD Committee to be equivalent.

**2 Minimum level of academic achievement**

Applicants should have achieved an overall H1 (80-100%) or H2A (75-79%) grade in the relevant honours or Masters degree with a thesis result of at least equivalent to an H2A (75%).

**3 Relevance of the degree**

The completed degree must be in an area that is relevant to the intended PhD, including sufficient specialisation such that the applicant will have already developed an understanding and appreciation of a body of knowledge relevant to the intended PhD.

**4 Evidence of research ability**

Applicants are normally required to have completed a research project, component, subject or group of subjects that accounts for at least 25% of their work (i.e. Honours year), or 25% of one year accumulated over the length of a Masters course, and which has, or have, been conducted, and assessed, individually. Research carried out in groups should at least have been graded individually. This project, component, or subject(s) may include:  
(a) any obviously research oriented project, subject or sustained piece of scholarly writing conducted for assessment, such as small theses, research essays, long essays, or studios;  
AND/OR

	<p>(b) any less-obviously research subjects, including practice-based subjects such as performance or fieldwork, where there is also scholastic rigor as documented in a sustained piece of writing analogous to (a); AND/OR</p> <p>(c) any subjects directed at the formation of research skills, such as methodology and reasoning, such as scientific reasoning, or legal reasoning, where a sustained piece of writing has also been produced.</p> <p><b>5 Currency of applicant's knowledge of the discipline</b> The applicant's degree/s and/or professional experience must demonstrate that their knowledge of the discipline in which they plan to undertake their research higher degree is current.</p> <p><b>6 Assessment of level of suitability</b> Based on interview or other verbal communication, an assessment should be made of the level of understanding, motivation and time commitment of the student for the proposed program of study. For example, a full-time student would be expected to devote at least 40 hours a week and a part-time student about half of this.</p> <p>Applicants must also meet the University's <b>English Language requirements</b> (<a href="http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/pgenglishreq.html">http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/pgenglishreq.html</a>) .</p>
<p><b>Core Participation Requirements:</b></p>	<p>All PhD candidates are required to complete the equivalent of at least 12 months full-time (24 months part-time) advanced study and research in the University unless studying at an outside institution approved by the Research Higher Degrees Committee (RHDC). The RHDC will not approve entirely distance supervision or entirely on-line supervision for research higher degree students. Throughout their candidature candidates are expected to attend the University in order to benefit from planning, conducting and writing up their research within a University community and environment. The residency requirement is deemed especially important during the period of probationary candidature. During probationary candidature the student is expected to interact on a regular basis with the supervisor, the department (including staff and other research students) and the University, so as to build the skills and knowledge necessary to carry out the proposed research program to acquire an understanding of the standards and requirements for a PhD awarded by the University to make use of support programs and facilities provided by the Melbourne School of Graduate Research throughout candidature. It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability will impact on meeting the requirements of this course are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and the Disability Liaison Unit.</p>
<p><b>Links to further information:</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.gradresearch.unimelb.edu.au/">http://www.gradresearch.unimelb.edu.au/</a></p>
<p><b>Notes:</b></p>	<p>Application Procedure Detailed information for prospective PhD students regarding the application process, including the application form is available at <a href="http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/grad/research">http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/grad/research</a> (<a href="http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/grad/research">http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/grad/research</a>) . It is important to note that there is a separate application form for local and international students.</p> <p>PhD applicants should discuss their research interests with a potential supervisor at the department in which they would like to enrol prior to submitting an application.</p> <p>The <b>Find an Expert</b> (<a href="http://www.findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/">http://www.findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/</a>) website may assist you to find an appropriate supervisor. Prospective PhD candidates should also investigate department websites for information on current research and contact details. Department websites are easily accessed from <b>faculty homepages</b> (<a href="http://www.unimelb.edu.au/az/faculties.html">http://www.unimelb.edu.au/az/faculties.html</a>) .</p> <p>For information on application closing dates please see the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences website at <a href="http://graduate.arts.unimelb.edu.au/research/admissions/deadlines.html">http://graduate.arts.unimelb.edu.au/research/admissions/deadlines.html</a> (<a href="http://graduate.arts.unimelb.edu.au/research/admissions/deadlines.html">http://graduate.arts.unimelb.edu.au/research/admissions/deadlines.html</a>)</p> <p>Which scholarship can I apply for? Students can find information about graduate research scholarships offered by the University of Melbourne at the <b>Melbourne Scholarships Office</b> (<a href="http://cms.services.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships/pgrad/">http://cms.services.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships/pgrad/</a>) .</p> <p>Facilities and Supports: MSGR makes available a broad range of <b>Programs &amp; Services</b> (<a href="http://www.gradresearch.unimelb.edu.au/programs/">http://www.gradresearch.unimelb.edu.au/programs/</a>) available to graduate research students.</p>