

## MR-PHILLAW Master of Philosophy - Law

<b>Year and Campus:</b>	2016 - Parkville
<b>CRICOS Code:</b>	061967F
<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 2.00 years full time, or equivalent part time. Credit Points: 0
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<b>Course Overview:</b>	<p>The degree of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) 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 MPhil is an internationally recognised masters by research degree. It is designed for students to develop advanced skills in carrying out independent and sustained research. The thesis should demonstrate a critical application of specialist knowledge and make an independent contribution to existing scholarship in the area of research. It is written succinctly, in English, unless approval has been given for the thesis to be written in a language other than English.</p> <p>The normal length of an MPhil thesis is 40,000 words, exclusive of words in tables, maps, bibliographies and appendices. Footnotes are included as part of the word limit. The thesis should not exceed 50,000 words (or equivalent) without special approval from the Research Higher Degrees Committee.</p>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	See the <i>Graduate Attributes</i> section.
<b>Course Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	Standard full-time duration is 1.5 years, part-time is 3 years.
<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	<p>The criteria for assessing applicants' eligibility for MPhil candidature are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 <b>Minimum qualifications</b> 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 Research Higher Degrees Committee to be equivalent.</li> <li>2 <b>Minimum level of academic achievement</b> Applicants should have achieved an overall H1 (80-100%) or H2A (75-79%) grade in the relevant honours or Masters degree.</li> <li>3 <b>Relevance of the degree</b> The completed degree must be in an area that is relevant to the intended MPhil, including sufficient specialisation such that the applicant will have already developed an understanding and appreciation of a body of knowledge relevant to the intended MPhil.</li> <li>4 <b>Evidence of research ability</b></li> </ol>

	<p>Applicants are normally required to have completed a research project/component that accounts for at least 25% of their year's work at 4th year or at Masters level.</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 (<a href="http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/language-requirements">http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/language-requirements</a>)</b> .</p>
<p><b>Core Participation Requirements:</b></p>	<p>All MPhil candidates are required to complete the equivalent of at least 6 months full-time (12 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 an MPhil awarded by the University; To make use of support programs and facilities provided by the University 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>Graduate Attributes:</b></p>	<p>Research degrees at the University of Melbourne seek to develop graduates who demonstrate academic leadership, increasing independence, creativity and innovation in their research work. The University expects its research graduates to have the following qualities and skills: An advanced ability to initiate research and to formulate viable research questions; A demonstrated capacity to design, conduct and report sustained and original research; The capacity to contextualise research within an international corpus of specialist knowledge; An advanced ability to evaluate and synthesize research-based and scholarly literature; An advanced understanding of key disciplinary and multi-disciplinary norms and perspectives relevant to the field; Highly developed problem-solving abilities and flexibility of approach; The ability to analyse critically within and across a changing disciplinary environment; The capacity to disseminate the results of research and scholarship by oral and written communication to a variety of audiences; A capacity to cooperate with and respect the contributions of fellow researchers and scholars; A profound respect for truth and intellectual integrity, and for the ethics of research and scholarship; 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; 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 students' acquisition of these attributes.</p>
<p><b>Links to further information:</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.gradresearch.unimelb.edu.au">www.gradresearch.unimelb.edu.au</a></p>
<p><b>Notes:</b></p>	<p>Application Procedure Detailed information for prospective MPhil students regarding the application process, including the application form is available at <a href="http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/grad/research">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>) .</p>

Applications will be selected in four rounds over the year. Please check the Melbourne Law School website for details of round deadlines: [www.law.unimelb.edu.au/graduate-research/future-students/how-to-apply/](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/graduate-research/future-students/how-to-apply/) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/graduate-research/future-students/how-to-apply/>) .

Applicants may apply for selection in one round only in each calendar year.

### **Supervision**

MPhil applicants are not required to find a supervisor. As part of the application process, Melbourne Law School assesses the application, research proposal, feasibility of the project, and availability of supervisors. However, applicants may wish to discuss their research interests with a potential supervisor prior to submitting an application and the **Find an Expert** (<http://www.findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/>) website may assist in this. Prospective MPhil candidates should also investigate the Melbourne Law School website for information on current research and contact details: [www.law.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au>) .

Which scholarship can I apply for?

Students can find information about graduate research scholarships offered by the University of Melbourne at the **Melbourne Scholarships Office** (<http://cms.services.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships/pgrad/>) .