

<b>Subject Code</b>	RES919
<b>Subject Name</b>	Major Thesis
<b>Credit points</b>	N/A Time Based
<b>Study Level</b>	Capstone
<b>Delivery mode</b>	On campus
<b>Location</b>	Melbourne
<b>Prerequisites</b>	RES904 RES905

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<b>Subject Overview</b>	<p>The Major Thesis is the capstone component of the Master of Philosophy course. It follows on from the successful completion of the prerequisites. This subject is composed of three distinct stages: pre-candidature; candidature; and thesis submission and examination. Pre-candidature involves the preparation for the Confirmation of Candidature, supported by nominated supervisors. This relationship is guided by a Research Supervision Agreement. Normally, students must attempt this stage within 6 months (EFTSL) based on their initial enrolment date. This process involves careful scrutiny of a detailed and well-substantiated research proposal which documents the proposed literature review, methodology, and means of analysis by a Candidature Review Panel which makes a recommendation, and is subject to confirmation by HDROC. If successful, the recommendation is that the student advances to Candidature. Throughout this stage six-monthly (EFTSL) progress reports are submitted to HDROC in order to monitor and support progress. Once completed, the thesis (40,000-60,000 words) is submitted for examination. A Masters of Philosophy degree is awarded after the examiners are satisfied that the scholar has demonstrated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a thorough understanding of the relevant techniques in the field of research by both a thorough review of the literature and application of the techniques;</li> <li>• competence in the chosen field through the judicious selection and application of methods to yield a significant body of work;</li> <li>• capacity to critically evaluate and effectively present this body of work; and</li> <li>• made an original contribution to knowledge in the given field.</li> </ul>
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<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	Demonstrated a thorough understanding of the relevant techniques in the field of research by both a thorough review of the literature and application of the techniques
	Proved competence in the chosen field through the judicious selection and application of methods to yield a significant body of work
	Exhibited capacity to critically evaluate and effectively present this body of work

<b>Assessments</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
	Major thesis	100%

<b>Graduate Attributes addressed in this subject</b>	Ethical and social understanding
	Cognitive skills to analyse, critique, consolidate
	Cognitive skills to synthesise, independence
	Scholarly skills
	Communication skills