Resolutions of the Academic Board

RESEARCH HIGHER DEGREES

These resolutions contain the minimum entry requirements for consideration for selection into courses of the University also referred to as the resolutions on selection.

These resolutions are published in accordance with Statute 4.1 – The Academic Board, clause 4.1.6 - Publication of Board resolutions:

‘The university secretary must make available to all students, in a form approved by the Board accessible throughout the University, all Board resolutions containing information which directly affects students.’

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Master of Philosophy
1. In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:
   - a four-year bachelor degree in a relevant discipline which includes a substantial research component equivalent to at least 25% of one year of full-time study and have achieved a minimum weighted average of 75% in the final year subjects or (University of Melbourne) equivalent (for the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences (MDHS), a minimum weighted average of 80% in the final year subjects or (University of Melbourne) equivalent); or
   - a Masters degree in a relevant discipline which includes a substantial research component equivalent to at least 25% of one year of full-time study and achieved a minimum weighted average of 75% or (University of Melbourne) equivalent (for the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences (MDHS), a minimum weighted average of 80% or (University of Melbourne equivalent); or
   - a qualification and professional experience considered to be equivalent;
   - submit a research proposal (except for applicants to the Melbourne Graduate School of Science);
   - provide referee reports (except for applicants who have graduated from the University of Melbourne within the last 5 years);
   - have obtained the endorsement of a prospective supervisor.

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection.

2. In ranking applications, the Selection Committee will consider:
   - prior academic performance and, if relevant, professional qualifications;
   - performance at interview;
   - understanding of the research question to be explored;
   - motivation and capacity to complete the course in a timely manner;
   - relevant prior research and/or professional experience; and
   - referee reports.

3. The selection committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the Selection and Admission into Graduate Research Courses Policy.

4. Applicants are required to satisfy the university’s English language requirements for graduate courses. For those applicants seeking to meet these requirements by one of the standard tests approved by the
Academic Board, the following performance bands are required.

Master of Philosophy
- MPhil – Medical Research Institutes (MDHS) Band 7
- MPhil – Melbourne Business School Band 6.5
- MPhil – Melbourne Dental School (MDHS) Band 7
- MPhil – Melbourne Graduate School of Education Band 7
- MPhil – Melbourne Graduate School of Science Band 6.5
- MPhil – Melbourne Law School Band 7
- MPhil – Melbourne Medical School (MDHS) Band 7
- MPhil – Melbourne School of Design Band 7
- MPhil – Melbourne School of Engineering Band 6.5
- MPhil – Melbourne School of Population and Global Health (MDHS) Band 7
- MPhil – Melbourne School of Health Sciences Band 7
- MPhil – Melbourne School of Information Band 6.5
- MPhil – Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences (MDHS) Band 7
- MPhil – Melbourne School of Veterinary Science Band 6.5

Doctor of Philosophy
1. In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:
   - a four-year bachelor degree in a relevant discipline which includes a substantial research component equivalent to at least 25% of one year of full-time study and have achieved a minimum weighted average of 75% in the final year subjects or (University of Melbourne) equivalent (for the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences (MDHS), a minimum weighted average of 80% in the final year subjects or (University of Melbourne) equivalent); or
   - a masters degree in a relevant discipline which includes a substantial research component equivalent to at least 25% of one year of full-time study and achieved a minimum weighted average of 75% or (University of Melbourne) equivalent; (for the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences (MDHS), a minimum weighted average of 80% or University of Melbourne equivalent); or
   - a qualification and professional experience considered to be equivalent;

   and

   - a research proposal (except for applicants to the Melbourne Graduate School of Science; Melbourne Business School in the disciplines of Accounting, Economics, Finance, the Melbourne Institute; Melbourne Conservatorium of Music in the discipline of composition);
   - a folio plan (for applicants to the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music in the discipline of composition);
   - referee reports (except for applicants who have graduated from the University of Melbourne within the last 5 years); and
   - the endorsement of a prospective supervisor

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection.

2. In selecting applicants, the selection committee will consider applicants’:
   - prior academic performance and, if relevant, professional qualifications;
   - understanding of the research question to be explored;
   - demonstrated ability in academic writing (for applicants to the Melbourne School of Government and the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences);
   - demonstrated ability in design (for applicants to the Melbourne School of Design);
   - demonstrated ability in the creative discipline (for applicants to the Victorian College of the Arts and for applicants to the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music in the disciplines of performance and composition);

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• the results of a Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) test or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) completed within the last five years (for applicants to the Melbourne Business School);
• performance at an interview;
• motivation and capacity to complete the course in a timely manner;
• relevant prior research and/or professional experience; and
• the referee reports.

3. The selection committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the Selection and Admission into Graduate Research Courses Policy.

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**Melbourne Graduate School of Education**

**Master of Educational Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy**

(400 credit points)

1. In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:
   • an honours degree in psychology with at least an H1 (80%) weighted average, or equivalent;
   • referee reports; and
   • an interview.

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection.

2. In ranking applications, the selection committee will consider:
   • prior academic performance;
   • the referee reports;
   • the interview.

3. The selection committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the Selection and Admission into Graduate Research Courses Policy.
4. Applicants are required to satisfy the university’s English language requirements for graduate courses. For those applicants seeking to meet these requirements by one of the standard tests approved by the Academic Board, performance Band 7 is required.

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<td>• a masters degree or equivalent in the discipline of education or a cognate field relevant to the proposed area of study with at least an H2A average over the course; and</td>
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- a record of research activity and/or publications equivalent to 50 points of year five study.

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection.

2. In ranking applications, the selection committee will consider:
   - prior academic performance;
   - the professional experience; and
   - the record of research activity and/or publications and the capacity to undertake research.

3. The selection committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the Selection and Admission into Graduate Research Courses Policy.

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**Master of Evaluation**
(150 credit points)

1. In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:
   - a four-year undergraduate degree in a social or human science, or equivalent; or
   - a postgraduate qualification in social or human science; or
   - a relevant undergraduate degree with three years of documented relevant work experience; and
   - documented evidence of capacity to undertake research; and
   - a personal statement outlining why they wish to be considered for the course.

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection.

2. In ranking applications, the selection committee will consider:
   - prior academic performance;
   - the capacity to undertake research;
   - the personal statement; and, if relevant; and
   - the professional experience.

3. The selection committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the Selection and Admission into Graduate Research Courses Policy.

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**Master of Education**
(Stream 150) Major Thesis (150 credit points)

1. In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:
   - an undergraduate degree; and
   - a fourth-year level education qualification, or equivalent; or
   - a four-year education degree, or equivalent.

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection.

2. In ranking applications, the selection committee will consider:
   - prior academic performance.

3. The selection committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the Selection and Admission into Graduate Research Courses Policy.

4. Applicants are required to satisfy the university's English language requirements for graduate courses. For those applicants seeking to meet these requirements by one of the standard tests approved by the Academic Board, performance Band 7 is required.
Master of Arts (Research)

1. In order to be considered for entry, applicants must:
   • have completed within the last 10 years a four-year degree in a cognate discipline with at least an H2B (70%) weighted average, or equivalent; and
   • at least 25% of their final year of the degree comprising a research project, component, subject or group of subjects on which they were assessed individually with at least an H2A (75%) weighted average; or
   • have completed within the last 10 years a qualification and professional experience deemed to be equivalent; and
   • a research proposal;
   • a writing sample (5,000 words);
   • referee reports (except for applicants who have graduated from the University of Melbourne within the last 5 years); and
   • an interview.

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection.

2. In ranking applications, the selection committee will consider:
   • prior academic performance and, if relevant, professional experience;
   • understanding of the research question to be explored;
   • the interview;
   • motivation and capacity to complete the course in a timely manner;
   • prior research and/or professional experience;
   • the writing sample; and
   • referee reports.

3. The selection committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the Selection and Admission into Graduate Research Courses Policy.

4. Applicants are required to satisfy the university's English language requirements for graduate courses. For those applicants seeking to meet these requirements by one of the standard tests approved by the Academic Board, performance Band 7 is required.

Master of Arts (Advanced Seminar and Shorter Thesis)

1. In order to be considered for entry, applicants must:
   • have completed within the last 10 years a four-year degree in a cognate discipline with at least an H2B (70%) weighted average, or equivalent; and
   • at least 25% of their final year of the degree comprising a research project, component, subject or group of subjects on which they were assessed individually with at least an H2A (75%) weighted average; or
   • have completed within the last 10 years a qualification and professional experience deemed to be equivalent; and
   • a research proposal;
   • a writing sample (5,000 words);
   • referee reports (except for applicants who have graduated from the University of Melbourne within the last 5 years); and
   • an interview.

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection.

2. In ranking applications, the selection committee will consider:
• prior academic performance and, if relevant, professional experience;
• understanding of the research question to be explored;
• the interview;
• motivation and capacity to complete the course in a timely manner;
• prior research and/or professional experience;
• the writing sample; and
• referee reports.

3. The selection committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the Selection and Admission into Graduate Research Courses Policy.

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FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
MELBOURNE BUSINESS SCHOOL

Master of Commerce
(100 credit points)

1. In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have:
   • completed within the last 10 years a four-year degree in a cognate discipline with at least H2B (70%) average, or a relevant postgraduate diploma with at least H2B (70%) average; and
   • at least 25% of their degree comprising a research project, component, subject or group of subjects on which they were assessed individually;
   or
   • completed within the last 10 years a qualification and professional experience deemed to be equivalent; and
   • completed a research proposal;
   • academic referee reports (except for applicants who have graduated from the University of Melbourne within the last 5 years);
   • the endorsement of a prospective supervisor;
   • completed the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) unless the applicant has met one of the approved conditions for GMAT or GRE exemption; and
   • completed an interview.

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection.

2. In ranking applications, the selection committee will consider:
   • performance on the GMAT or GRE unless the applicant has met one of the approved conditions for GMAT or GRE exemption;
   • prior academic performance and, if relevant, professional experience;
   • understanding of the research question to be explored;
   • the interview;
   • motivation and capacity to complete the course in a timely manner;
   • prior research and/or professional experience; and
   • referee reports.

3. The Selection committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the Selection and Admission into Graduate Research Courses Policy.

4. Applicants are required to satisfy the university's English language requirements for graduate courses. For those applicants seeking to meet these requirements by one of the standard tests approved by the Academic Board, performance Band 6.5 is required.
### Master of Fine Arts (Community Cultural Development)  
Master of Fine Arts (Contemporary Music)  
Master of Fine Arts (Dance)  
Master of Fine Arts (Film and Television)  
Master of Fine Arts (Interdisciplinary Arts Practice)  
Master of Fine Arts (Production)  
Master of Fine Arts (Theatre)  
Master of Fine Arts (Visual Art)  
Master of Fine Arts (Music Theatre)  

1. In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:
   - an honours degree with at least an H2A (75%) weighted average, including a major relevant to the stream to which entry is sought, or equivalent; or
   - a relevant undergraduate degree with at least an H2A (75%) weighted average and two years of documented work experience relevant to the stream to which entry is sought; or
   - an undergraduate degree in any discipline and five years of documented work experience relevant to the stream to which entry is sought; or
   - at least five years of documented relevant work experience related to the stream to which entry is sought and demonstrating outstanding artistic ability, together with evidence of ability in academic writing and research or scholarship appropriate for postgraduate study; and
   - performance in one or more of an audition, test, interview, workshop, portfolio or folio presentation, as prescribed by the Academic Board for the stream to which entry is sought.

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection.

2. In ranking applications, the selection committee will consider:
   - prior academic performance and/or the professional experience; and
   - the performance in audition, test, interview, workshop, portfolio or folio presentation.

3. The selection committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the [Selection and Admission into Graduate Research Courses Policy](#).

4. Applicants are required to satisfy the university's English language requirements for graduate courses. For those applicants seeking to meet these requirements by one of the standard tests approved by the Academic Board, performance Band 6.5 is required.

### Master of Music (Composition)  
Master of Music (Music Performance)  
Master of Music (Music Therapy)  
Master of Music (Musicology/Ethnomusicology)  
Master of Music (Jazz & Improvisation)  
Master of Music (Interactive Composition)  
Master of Music (Music Psychology & Performance Science)  

1. In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:
   - a Bachelor of Music (Honours) degree, or equivalent, with at least an H2A (75%) weighted average;  
     *And for:*
   - Music Performance (including conducting); and Jazz & Improvisation: a satisfactory audition;  
   - Composition: a satisfactory composition folio;
- Musicology/Ethnomusicology; Music Psychology & Performance Science; and Music Therapy: a satisfactory piece of scholarly writing.
- Interactive Composition: a satisfactory interactive composition folio. 
  *And:*
- A research proposal (except for Music Performance and Composition)

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection.

2. In ranking applications, the selection committee will consider:
   - prior academic performance; and
   - the composition folio, audition, or piece of scholarly writing.

3. The selection committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the [Selection and Admission into Graduate Research Courses Policy](#).

4. Applicants are required to satisfy the university's English language requirements for graduate courses. For those applicants seeking to meet these requirements by one of the standard tests approved by the Academic Board, performance Band 6.5 is required.

### FACULTY OF VETERINARY SCIENCE

**Master of Veterinary Science (Research)**

1. In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:
   - a Bachelor of Veterinary Science or its recognised equivalent.

Meeting this requirement does not guarantee selection.

2. In ranking applications, the selection committee will consider:
   - prior academic performance and, if relevant, professional experience;
   - understanding of the research question to be explored;
   - the interview;
   - motivation and capacity to complete the course in a timely manner;
   - prior research experience; and
   - referee reports.

3. The selection committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the [Selection and Admission into Graduate Research Courses Policy](#).

4. Applicants are required to satisfy the university's English language requirements for graduate courses. For those applicants seeking to meet these requirements by one of the standard tests approved by the Academic Board, performance Band 6.5 is required.

**Master of Veterinary Science (Clinical) (Research)**

1. In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:
   - a Bachelor of Veterinary Science or its recognised equivalent.

Meeting this requirement does not guarantee selection.

2. In ranking applications, the selection committee will consider:
   - prior academic performance and, if relevant, professional experience;
   - understanding of the research question to be explored;
   - the interview;
   - motivation and capacity to complete the course in a timely manner;
   - prior research experience; and
   - referee reports.

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