



What is a masters degree?

A masters degree, just like our diplomas, certificates, bachelor and Doctor of Philosophy is an academic degree awarded by universities. It is at the **postgraduate** level, meaning to enter into a masters you either need to have a degree, or a certain amount of work-experience to get started. A masters degree usually takes one to two years to finish with either part-time or full-time study.

You can read a lot more about each of the masters degrees we offer on our comprehensive list of **study** options. In summary, you can either study a masters degree in coursework or research:

1. Masters (coursework)

A coursework masters could be the right fit for you if you want to build upon existing expertise or gain knowledge in a new discipline. This is the most common type of masters and is a combination of coursework, project work and research.

To find out what you need to get started in a coursework masters, it's best to **view the information relevant to your chosen degree**, but generally the following are the entry requirements:

- Bachelor degree in a relevant discipline
or

- Bachelor degree in non-relevant discipline plus a UniSQ graduate certificate
- or**
- UniSQ graduate certificate
(Relevant professional work experience may also be required)

2. Masters (research)

A research masters (or **Master of Research** at UniSQ) is more of what the name implies – research. This degree will include a substantial thesis or research project, often externally assessed. It is a good option if you want to make a contribution to the development of new knowledge through the completion of industry-relevant, independent research projects.

To enter into a masters (research) you will need:

- Bachelor degree in a relevant discipline with the minimum GPA of 5.0 honours
- or**
- Other postgraduate qualifications
(Relevant professional work experience may also be required)

Both ways of gaining your masters degree are rewarding and just as likely to assist you in progressing in your career, or launching into the job change you've been considering. If you need more information than what you're reading online, our friendly team of degree experts are ready to take your **call, email or live-chat with you.**