

## Master of Arts (MARA) - MA

Programs at USQ are regularly reviewed to ensure they remain professionally-relevant, in order to enhance the graduate outcomes of our students. This program is currently being re-accredited and is as a consequence likely to undergo some changes. Full details will be available when it is approved. If you have any questions, please [contact us](#) directly.

|                               | <b>On-campus*</b>   | <b>Online</b>   |
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| <b>Semester intake:</b>       | Semester 1 (February)<br>Semester 2 (July)                            | Semester 1 (February)<br>Semester 2 (July)                            |
| <b>Campus:</b>                | Toowoomba   | -   |
| <b>Fees:</b>                  | Domestic full fee paying place<br>International full fee paying place | Domestic full fee paying place<br>International full fee paying place |
| <b>Standard program place</b> | 1.5 years full-time; up to 6 years part-time                          |   |
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- have acquired advanced knowledge, skills and competency in the content, epistemology and appreciation or practice of a particular discipline
- be able to conceive, plan and execute a project requiring research, scholarship, composition, and interpretation at an advanced level.

## Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 09. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for research, and/or professional practice and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting [www.aqf.edu.au](http://www.aqf.edu.au).

## Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Completion of an Australian Bachelor degree such as a [Bachelor of Arts](#) or [Bachelor of Creative Arts](#) or equivalent from a recognised institution, with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0, and
- A minimum of two years professional experience for those seeking entry to the Creative Arts major in the given discipline/field.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

Applicants for the **Creative Arts major** are advised to also address the following:

- Applicants must have completed a major in their discipline area or have equivalent professional experience. A portfolio of the applicant's creative work is to be made available upon request.
- Applicants must also include a report of no more than five pages, addressing the criteria below, and a 300 word description of the proposed project. Please advise the following:
  - how your proposed research will advance your professional knowledge in a manner that is appropriate to your career progression/aspirations
  - how your proposed research will evaluate and critically analyse a range of theories and methodologies pertaining to your sector/field in the creative arts
  - how your proposed research will be managed and evaluated - detail the resources you will need to complete this project (include equipment, personnel etc)
  - what your perceived outcome is for this research/project and who (other than yourself) stands to benefit from your research/project.
- Students intending to undertake research or project work should note that selection of any research topic is subject to the availability of an appropriate supervisor, and students must accept school guidance in their selection of a research topic.
- Students who have graduated with USQ's [Graduate Certificate of Business](#) and have a minimum of 2 years' full-time (or 4 years part-time) industry/professional work experience, or equivalent, will be considered for admission to the **Corporate Communication major** only in the [Master of Arts](#).
- Students who have graduated with USQ's [Graduate Certificate of Editing and Publishing](#) will be considered for admission to the **Editing and Publishing major** only in the [Master of Arts](#).

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

## **Program fees**

### **Domestic full fee paying place**

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are

The program can be undertaken full-time in 1.5 years, or part-time over 3 to 4 years. Part-time enrolment will normally be coursework in years one and two, and thesis and/or project work in year three, depending on the pathway chosen.

Please refer to the recommended enrolment patterns for further details on offerings from each discipline.

**Please note:** Students must choose either the Thesis OR Project/Exegesis pathway for Masters enrolment across the degree program. Students will not be able to change from thesis to exegesis in the course of undertaking research within this Masters program.

**Semester 3:** No courses will be offered in Semester 3 and students will not be able to commence the Masters program in Semester 3.

### **Program completion requirements**

Students are required to complete 12 unit points within a consistent pattern as described within the Program Structure.

### **Required time limits**

Students have a maximum of 6 years to complete this program.

### **Core courses**

Core courses are essential to developing the skills required to conduct scholarly activity and independent research at Masters level.

All students in the Corporate Communication; Editing and Publishing; and Humanities and Communication majors must enrol in the following courses:

- [HMT4007 Becoming a Researcher](#)
- [MAR8003 Master of Arts Project A](#)
- [MAR8004 Master of Arts Project B](#)

All students in the Creative Arts major must enrol in:

- [BCA8000 Aesthetic Dimensions](#)
- [BCA8001 Critical and Creative Thinking](#)
- [HMT4007 Becoming a Researcher](#)
- [MAR8003 Master of Arts Project A](#)
- [MAR8004 Master of Arts Project B](#)

Students wishing to undertake the **Creative Arts (6-unit thesis or exegesis)** or the **Humanities and Communication (6- unit thesis or exegesis)** for future PhD studies must also enrol in 268.936 Tm( for fututs PhD studie



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