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## Master of Arts

This master's degree gives you the chance to delve into your specialisation and produce an original contribution in your industry or field. In this program, you'll learn advanced research skills and enhance your ability to critically review literature and case studies.

Sharpen your faculties in problem solving and decision making in a rigorous environment for intellectual, professional and personal growth. The University of the Sunshine Coast offers broad study areas to choose from, with highly qualified academic staff to supervise your research.

### Research areas

USC supports research in the following areas:

- Communication and media studies
- Creative arts
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Society and culture
- Environment and sustainability
- Management and business
- Law

### Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission to Master of Arts candidature, applicants are normally required to hold a bachelor degree with at least Honours Class 2 Division II from a recognised higher education institution.

Applicants who have completed a bachelors degree and have achieved by

subsequent work and study a standard equivalent to at least Honours Class 2 Division II may also be considered.

In exceptional cases, applications may be considered on the basis of other evidence of general and professional qualifications as approved by the Research Degrees Committee.

Refer also to the University's English language requirements.

Admission is subject to availability of appropriate supervision and facilities.

### MORE INFORMATION

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## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

As a candidate you are required to conduct research that can be written up as a scholarly thesis. You must demonstrate research competency and the ability to make a significant and original contribution to the body of knowledge in your chosen area of specialisation.

You must clearly articulate in your research outline, the topic, background, rationale, research question, aim and objectives, methodology, research methods and techniques, and timeframe.

Your research outline is to include a literature review that relates to the research question and objectives. The results of your research activities should be presented succinctly and accurately and as necessary could be supported by more detailed annexures.

Your syntheses analysis and discussion must clearly focus on the research question and the objectives of the work.

Conclusions and recommendations must be drawn from your analysis and discussion and reflect the attainment of the aim and the way in which the research question is addressed.