

Master of Research Grading Criteria



85–100%

A thesis at this level:

- Clearly and fully outlines its research topic and objectives, explaining and justifying the project in relation to key developments in the field and recent literature;
- Clearly and fully outlines and explains the research undertaken, in terms of the methodology chosen and why it was chosen in preference to alternatives;
- Draws clear and fully-supported conclusions from the research that allow for critical reflection on the research question, the current status of related research and possible future directions for research;
- Is clearly and cogently structured and well-written, and conforms to disciplinary conventions in terms of its presentation;

A candidate producing work of this quality is capable of going on to original and innovative research and is strongly suited for enrolment in PhD.

75–84%

A thesis at this level:

- Provides a good account of the research objectives in relation to developments in the field and recent literature;
- Explains the research undertaken and why a certain methodology was chosen as appropriate;
- Draws conclusions that are broadly supported by the research, and that respond clearly to the research question;
- Is clearly structured and written, and conforms to disciplinary conventions in terms of its presentation.

A candidate producing work of this quality is capable of undertaking a PhD.

65–74%

A thesis at this level:

- Has a clear research objective informed by developments in the field and recent literature;
- Explains its methodology clearly;
- Relates its conclusions clearly to the research undertaken;
- Is adequately written, structured and presented.

A candidate working at this level is capable of higher degree research, but not yet at doctoral level.

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50-64%

A thesis at this level:

- Identifies its research objective;
- Has a clear methodology;
- Draws conclusions based on the research undertaken;
- Is written and presented adequately.

A student working at this level is not capable of further higher degree research.

Below 50%

The thesis does not meet the standard for the award of the degree.