Whatever your area of interest, undertaking your PhD at QUT Law means you can have access to leaders in the field of justice, health law, technology and environment. It’s your opportunity to be guided by experts who are immersed in vibrant research that makes a real world difference. There’s also more detailed information about scholarships and student support at the university’s PhDs and research degrees page.

**Entry requirements**

**Academic entry requirements**

You must have either:

- a completed recognised relevant honours degree (first class or second class Division A) or equivalent
- a completed recognised masters degree or professional doctorate (by research or coursework)

Admission to the Doctor of Philosophy depends on an applicant’s demonstrated research aptitude and the availability of supervision, infrastructure and resources needed for the proposed research project.

For more information on eligibility, read the admission criteria for the Doctor of Philosophy (PDF, 98.5KB).

Once you’ve started your PhD, you’ll need to complete your Stage 2 milestone to be fully admitted to your course. You’ll usually complete this milestone within the first three months of study.

Masters and professional doctorate degrees by coursework must have a significant research component, normally not less than 25%. Holders of masters and professional doctorate by coursework must:

- have a minimum grade point average (GPA) score of 5.0 on QUT’s 7 point scale;
- present evidence of research experience and potential for approval

**Course structure**

Course Design

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**Morgan Broman, PhD student**

**Interdisciplinary research**

‘My research is around international laws and also autonomous entities. QUT offers a unique opportunity for interdisciplinary research, which is very important for what I am doing.’
Mandatory units:
- IFN001 Advanced Information Retrieval Skills
- Time-based Thesis

Other units as agreed by student in negotiation with their supervisor and faculty.

Fees
null

Course requirements
QUT adopts a project management approach. PhD candidates work closely with their supervisory team to meet collegially reviewed milestones leading to timely submission of a thesis for examination. QUT is proud of its record of timely completions and low attrition rates realised by this approach.

During candidature the supervisor and other key stakeholders will provide advice and direction to the candidate to encourage their participation in university scholarly activities such as research seminars, teaching and publication. The length of the thesis varies according to the topic, but should normally be no longer than 100,000 words, excluding bibliography.