

Your study Timeline - Doctor of Philosophy (4 Year Degree)



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1. Enrolment

Welcome to Victoria University!

To assist you on your journey over the next 4 years (EFT), here are some useful links:

- [Researcher/Candidature](#)
- [New HDR Candidate Information](#)
- [Forms & Guidelines](#)
- [Supervision](#)
- [Researcher Development](#)
- [Ethics](#)
- [Advice & Support](#)
- [Policy & Procedures](#)

It is important you organize a time to meet with your principal supervisor to establish agreed timelines for meetings throughout your candidature and to gain a mutual understanding of your roles.

2. Coursework Units

Coursework units provide early support to candidates in the crucial pre-confirmation of candidature phase and are an important foundation for networking with fellow candidates and wider research staff.

To progress to the research phase, you must successfully complete with an average mark of 70% or above across the relevant units.

Recommended [Researcher Development](#) workshops:

- Endnote
- Literature Search
- Systematic Literature Review

Useful links:

- [Research degree coursework units](#)
- [Preparing for candidature](#)

3. Confirmation of Candidature

1st candidature milestone- oral presentation.

Undertaken within 6-9 months EFT of your enrolment- *meet with your supervisor to discuss your proposal.* You must obtain candidature approval to become an 'official' candidate in your course.

HDR Researcher Integrity modules 1, 3, 4 and 10/11 before CoC.

Using human research data and need Ethics approval? Find out more [here](#).

You are required to store your data on the R drive. Set up your [Research Data & Materials Plan](#) now.

Recommended [Researcher Development](#) workshops to attend:

- Towards Confirmation
- Academic Presentation Skills
- Statistics/Methodology workshops

4. Mid-Candidature Review

2nd candidature milestone- oral presentation

Undertaken within 2.0 years EFT of your enrolment and after successful completion of confirmation of candidature- *meet with your supervisor to discuss your milestone application.*

HDR Researcher Integrity modules 2, 5, 9 and 12.

Recommended [Researcher Development](#) workshops to attend:

- Demystify Your Thesis
- Integrity in Academic Authorship
- Statistics/Methodology workshop

Continue to meet with your supervisors to ensure you are on track for a timely submission of your thesis.

5. Towards Submission

3rd candidature milestone- oral presentation.

Undertaken within 3 years EFT of your enrolment and after successful completion of Mid-Candidature Review- *meet with your supervisor to discuss your milestone application.*

HDR Researcher Integrity modules 6, 7 & 8.

Recommended [Researcher Development](#) workshops to attend:

- Thesis Quality & Examination
- Writing a Peer Reviewed Journal article
- Thesis Writing Day

6. Thesis Submission

Timely submission of thesis- 4 years EFT of your enrolment-*prior to submission, meet with your supervisor to discuss your thesis and potential examiners.*

You must include the [Student Declaration](#) & declaration regarding Ethics Approval in your thesis.

7. Classification

Once your thesis has been examined, you must make the required changes and apply for classification.

Once your thesis is classified, the Dean Graduate Research will recommend to a University Council meeting that your award be conferred.

Following conferral, you may use the title 'Dr'.

Useful links:

- [Thesis classification](#)

8. Graduation

Once you have been conferred by University Council and lodged an electronic copy of your thesis and VURR form, you will receive a 'Notification of Completion.'

You will then be eligible to attend the next graduation ceremony.

Useful links:

- [Attend a graduation ceremony](#)