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Postgraduate Distance Courses
for International Students
At Macquarie University, we recognise the need for flexibility in education. We offer a distinct range of postgraduate certificates, diplomas and masters programs online, allowing you to fit study around work or family commitments and gain a Macquarie degree from anywhere in the world.
Macquarie University is one of Australia's leading universities. With our innovative curriculum, quality teaching, and reputation for research excellence, Macquarie will give you a highly-regarded degree.

World-class reputation
Macquarie is ranked among the top two percent of universities in the world. We are among Australia’s top ten universities, and the top 40 in the Asia-Pacific region according to the Shanghai Jiao Tong University Academic Rankings of Universities 2011.

Successful graduates
Macquarie’s graduates are highly sought-after and our graduate starting salaries have been amongst the highest in Australia for over a decade (Good Universities Guide 1998–2011).

A diverse student community
With a five star rating for the cultural diversity of our student body (Good Universities Guide 2011), Macquarie offers a safe, welcoming and friendly environment for international students. Students from over 120 countries choose to study with us, knowing that their culture and customs will be not just respected, but celebrated.

Research excellence
Macquarie has long been known for its research excellence. Based on data from the Australian Government’s Excellence in Research for Australia results in 2011, 80 percent of Macquarie’s research activity is judged to be at world-standard or higher. Our focus on research means you will learn from experts who are among the best in their fields. The university’s research is also incorporated into our curriculum, ensuring you are taught based on the latest knowledge and research developments.

Macquarie University distance education courses have been designed to deliver exactly the same learning outcomes as those available in the classroom.

What is distance education?
Distance programs are designed for students who would like to study from an overseas location. Course content is delivered both online and by sending course materials via the post.

Your learning experience will revolve around our online facilities. Our student system, eStudent, will allow you to enrol in your choice of units and view your results at the end of each semester. Classes will be presented via online teaching tools, which offer course materials, support materials, unit announcements, and communication with lecturers. Lectures can be downloaded or streamed directly from the internet through our iLecture system.

Who should study distance programs?
Distance programs are available to all students who are able to access the internet*.

For students who are working, or who cannot travel to Sydney to study, distance education may be the best option. Distance education allows you to study at your own pace with personal attention from Macquarie University staff in Sydney. Students who take these courses graduate with a Macquarie University degree.

* For international students located in Australia, restrictions apply to studying distance programs.

How do I graduate?
Macquarie University holds a number of graduation sessions each year, both in Sydney and overseas. If eligible, you will be able to graduate at one of these ceremonies.

What can I study by distance?
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History programs are research-led and sustained by the diversity of strengths and interests amongst staff in the discipline. Students will be exposed to cutting edge research across a variety of fields of historical enquiry, developing a sophisticated understanding of the past, and having the opportunity to pursue their own professional and research interests.

The Master of Politics and International Policy is designed to develop an understanding of the structure and process of policy formulation and implementation, using both Australian and international material. The program is appropriate for those seeking a future as practitioners in public, voluntary or political work and may also be useful for those intending further study and research in political science.

The Master of International Relations program is designed to develop an understanding of the institutions and political, social, economic and legal processes of the international system. It is suitable for those who wish to study International Relations both out of interest and for career advancement in public, business, voluntary or political work, including in the media.

Policing, Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism

The Centre for Policing, Intelligence, and Counter Terrorism offers rigorous academic programs based on current research, theory and practice.

Our Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism programs are designed for individuals who wish to gain academic knowledge in these areas. The programs are aimed at those working in, or considering a career in policing, intelligence or security fields.

The International Security Studies program is designed for individuals considering a career in government, private industry or non-government organisations. It provides contemporary courses in security studies, intelligence analysis, transnational crime, and international law.

Computer Forensics is a multi-disciplinary program drawing from the disciplines of computing, law and forensic science and provides you with both theoretical knowledge and practical experience. This will enable you to develop professional competence in the rapidly-growing field of Computer Forensics.

Linguistics

The Department of Linguistics at Macquarie University is the largest of its kind in Australia, with substantial undergraduate, postgraduate and research programs.

Applied Linguistics courses are intended for practitioners in a variety of professions whose work is concerned with applied language study.

The Postgraduate Certificate in Editing and Electronic Publishing is designed for those with at least one year of experience in editing, journalism, publicity or editorial management. It aims to widen and develop professional skills across a range of styles, scenarios and media for publishing.
The Creative Writing program enables creative writers to complete a substantial piece of work (or collection) in the context of more theoretical studies and interactive workshop seminars. It offers students the opportunity to become part of a community of writers.

The Children’s Literature program considers current principles and practices in analysing children’s literature from the perspective of literary and cultural studies theory and the social and historical contexts of children’s literature.

Literature and Writing

Master of Arts courses are open to those who have completed a recognised bachelor degree and are looking to further their understanding in a particular discipline. Applicants can begin with a postgraduate certificate or postgraduate diploma, and work their way up to a master degree.

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Want to know more about these programs?
www.engl.mq.edu.au

Early Childhood

The Institute of Early Childhood at Macquarie is committed to maximising opportunities for young children, families and communities through research, teaching, learning and advocacy.

The Early Childhood program provides candidates with an opportunity to undertake advanced study in early childhood, to enhance their professional knowledge, and extend their knowledge of related areas in early childhood. Students also have options to study at postgraduate certificate or diploma level then articulate to the master program.

Want to know more about these programs?
www.iec.mq.edu.au

Special Education

The Macquarie University Special Education Centre (MUSEC), has a national and international reputation for the quality of its research, its excellence in postgraduate teaching and its contribution to program development in the area of Special Education.

Special Education programs allow students to focus on specialised areas with the option of completing a small-scale research project in an area of interest. Career opportunities exist in a wide range of special education and disability settings from the preschool years to adulthood.

In developing its distance offerings, MUSEC staff have been committed to providing the same levels of rigour, quality and student support as are available in on-campus offerings. To this end, a combination of interactive video and internet technologies have been developed to provide the flexibility of distance learning without the disadvantages associated with many traditional distance programs.

Internal and distance versions of units run in parallel, so you have a large number of other motivated students with whom you can share experience and knowledge. You will be provided with extremely high quality learning materials and extensive personalised support in your studies.

Want to know more about these programs?
www.musec.edu.au

Education

The School of Education has an international reputation for the quality of its programs, its research, scholarship and service to the educational community.

The Education and Education Studies programs are designed to enhance the knowledge, skills and professional development of educators and others with an interest in studies in education.

Educational Leadership programs enhance knowledge of theory and research in educational leadership and management and explore implications for practice in school education.

Higher Education programs are for those wishing to study higher education and higher education development. Areas of specialisation include higher education learning and teaching, e-learning, leadership and management and medical education.

Want to know more about these programs?
www.educ.mq.edu.au
Environmental Law

The Macquarie University Centre for International and Environmental Law (MU-CIEL) was one of the first centres in Australia to specialise in environmental law. The Centre’s research and teaching is enhanced by its members enjoying a wide range of experience in legal practice and academic expertise in environmental law and related areas.

These programs are designed to enhance legal knowledge, equipping our graduates with the skills and capabilities to further their careers in both law and law-related fields.

Macquarie Law School also offers postgraduate certificates and postgraduate diplomas that may be articulated into particular Master programs. Note that the Master of Laws is only available to law graduates, while other programs are open to graduates from a variety of backgrounds.

* Notes: Students studying Environmental Law by distance are required to attend intensive 2 or 3 day on-campus sessions for each unit undertaken. In most instances, these sessions are held in the mid-semester breaks in April or September.

Want to know more about these programs?
www.mq.edu.au/research/centres_and_groups/muciel

Programs offered by distance
Master of International Environmental Law *
Master of Environmental Law ●
Master of Laws ●
Specialisations available in Environmental Law and International Environmental Law.
● Available at Postgraduate Certificate level
● Available at Postgraduate Diploma level

Environment and Geography

The Department of Environment and Geography currently offers two unique postgraduate programs via distance mode.

The Wildlife Management course has a strong interdisciplinary and practical focus, consisting of both coursework and fieldwork components. It aims to provide students with a sound knowledge base in individual disciplines as well as real-world application skills, and an understanding of the multi-disciplinary approach required in the management of living resources.

The Museum Studies program provides a background relevant to contemporary museums, galleries and collections. Management of information will increasingly form a vital part of the workplace and this program provides essential grounding in generic information management skills.

Macquarie University’s postgraduate programs in Social Impact Assessment provide Australia’s first specialist tertiary qualification in this important and rapidly expanding field. The program develops a deep understanding of professional practice, legal requirements, methodological choices and theoretical issues in Social Impact Assessment in multiple contexts.

Want to know more about these programs?
www.envirogeog.mq.edu.au

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Master of Museum Studies ●
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**Ancient History**

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The **Ancient History** specialisation provides a concentrated study in Ancient History in several areas of special interest, e.g. archaeology, biblical studies, Greek and Roman history. It includes the opportunity for training in the use of documentary evidence for the study of the ancient world.

The **Ancient Art and Architecture** specialisation introduces students to the art and architecture of the ancient world. The program focuses on the visual record of the ancient Egyptians, Copts, Greece and Rome. Christian and Byzantine and also includes units offered through Museum Studies to introduce students to practical issues associated with the curatorship of cultural objects.

No language component included.

The **Coptic Studies** specialisation provides concentrated study in Coptic Studies, including technical and research training, for those without prior qualifications in this area who may wish to qualify for entry to a research degree in the subject.

**Early Christian and Jewish Studies** provides concentrated study, including technical, language and research training, for those without prior qualifications in the area who may wish to qualify for entry to a research degree in the subject.

The **Late Antiquity** specialisation provides students with a unique speciality in an exciting area of study in ancient history. It provides a focussed methodological approach to understanding the transition from the classical world to the medieval and Byzantine worlds, which in turn form the basis for the emergence of modern Europe and western society.

**Advanced Medicine**

Students studying at Macquarie’s Advanced School of Medicine have access to the cutting edge-technology and expertise of Macquarie University Hospital - the first private teaching hospital to be located on an Australian university campus.

The **Master of Advanced Medicine** provides clinical education and training in one of the subspecialties of medicine with an emphasis on the workplace and competency-based assessment of performance. This is a competency-based degree for qualified physicians and covers core topics of ethics, law, professionalism, and critical appraisal.

Notes: Students studying this degree are required to attend an intensive one-week session on campus each semester.


**Statistics**

The emphasis of the **Applied Statistics** program is on the application of contemporary statistical methods and the use of the latest computational techniques. Rapid developments in computer technology have had a major impact on the nature and extent of statistical work in both the public and private sectors. Hence developments of relevant computing skills form an integral part of the course.

The **Biosciences** program has been designed to provide advanced biostatistical training for a diverse range of students. It is primarily aimed at those wishing to become highly trained professional biostatisticians and is accredited by the Statistical Society of Australia.

Want to know more about these programs? [www.stat.mq.edu.au](http://www.stat.mq.edu.au)
Online services
A number of electronic services are used at Macquarie to deliver distance programs, including the Student Portal, my MQ, eStudent and the Online Learning system.

Student portal
The online portal students.mq.edu.au is the gateway for information for enrolled students. It contains links to frequently-accessed pages such as:
- Student email and calendar
- Online learning
- Library catalogue and reserve systems
- Many other student and University resources

eStudent
eStudent is the main portal through which distance students can access their enrolment information and enrol in future sessions.

Online learning
Macquarie University uses iLearn to give students access to online learning. Click on ‘Online Units’ in the Macquarie student portal to access iLearn.

How to apply
There are four main steps when applying for admission to a distance degree at Macquarie University.

Step 1
Research your study options
Use this booklet, or visit the distance courses database to choose a course that is suitable for you. www.international.mq.edu.au/study/distanceeducation

Step 2
Check the entry requirements
Each course has specific entry requirements that you need to fulfil, in order to be considered for entry. Entry requirements
- UNIVERSITY QUALIFICATIONS
  The minimum qualification for entry into a postgraduate degree at Macquarie University is a bachelor degree from a recognised university. Other qualifications and work experience are assessed separately.
- PREREQUISITE SUBJECTS AND WORK EXPERIENCE
  Some programs require you to have a certain level of prior knowledge in particular subject areas (prerequisite subjects) or work experience in order to be considered for entry into a postgraduate program. You can check each program’s entry requirements in the online course database www.international.mq.edu.au/study/distanceeducation
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
  All international students at Macquarie are required to provide evidence of proficiency in English. For more information, visit www.international.mq.edu.au/applications/apply/english

Step 3
Submit your application
Apply online using My Macquarie
My Macquarie is the online application system for international students. To apply online, visit www.international.mq.edu.au/onlineapplication

Step 4
Accept your offer
If your application is successful, you will receive an offer letter as part of an ‘offer pack’, which contains instructions on how to accept your offer and Macquarie University’s tuition fee refund policy. Remember to read all the information in your offer pack very carefully – it includes important information on what steps you need to take to confirm your place at Macquarie University, and will state if your course has a non-standard commencement date.

To secure a place at Macquarie University, you must accept your offer by the deadline clearly stated in the offer letter, or the offer will lapse.