



# RESEARCH METHODS

## GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN RESEARCH METHODS (FACULTY OF EDUCATION, HUMANITIES AND LAW)

1 PT IN

SATAC CODE 2GD100

## GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN RESEARCH METHODS (FACULTY OF MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES)

1 PT IN

SATAC CODE 2GD101

## GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN RESEARCH METHODS (FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING)

1 PT IN

SATAC CODE 2GD102

## GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN RESEARCH METHODS (FACULTY OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES)

1 PT IN

SATAC CODE 2GD103

### OVERVIEW

The Graduate Diploma in Research Methods is designed to provide you with high-level knowledge of and skills in research methods, and the opportunity to develop further depth and breadth of knowledge in your subject area as a pathway to research higher degree study. It includes a substantial 18-unit research thesis/project (one semester/six months), which provides the eligibility required to apply for various scholarship opportunities and entry into a research higher degree.

This course can be pursued in any one of the four faculties of the University:

- Education, Humanities and Law
- Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
- Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Science and Engineering.

By studying within a specific faculty of the University, you are provided with expertise and support that is directly relevant to your chosen area of study.

### STUDY PROGRAM

The Graduate Diploma in Research Methods consists of 36 units (equivalent to one year).

The course will include 18 units of topics such as Communication Skills for Research Higher Degree Students, Research Methods, and Literature Review/Research Proposal, in addition to an 18-unit research thesis/project.

It will enable you to undertake topics to develop your research skills and/or generic and transferable skills to prepare you for entry into a research higher degree.

Graduates will gain the following:

- advanced knowledge of underlying academic principles and concepts in your area of study
- skills to independently plan research activities, manage your time, and present your research both orally and in writing
- the capacity and skills to undertake independent research
- the ability to critically evaluate and analyse complex issues and deploy evidence in support of a research output.

A graduate certificate option is available as an exit award only.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must normally hold an approved degree or equivalent qualification from an approved tertiary institution and have achieved a grade point average (GPA) of 5.00 (credit) or greater. Under exceptional circumstances and subject to specific conditions, the Faculty Board may admit others who can show evidence of fitness for candidature.

Admission to the course is subject to the approval of your project, the faculty being able to provide appropriate resources, and the discipline area being able to provide suitable supervision for the program of study.

This course is unavailable for the School of Psychology due to accreditation and topic prerequisites.

Applicants will be required to submit directly to the University a research statement for assessment by the faculty and potential supervisor for the 18-unit research thesis/project component. Please complete the Graduate Diploma in Research Methods research statement form outlining your proposed area of research and potential supervisor. The form is available from: [flinders.edu.au/graduate-research/pathway](http://flinders.edu.au/graduate-research/pathway)

## CREDIT

Credit may be granted for study undertaken in an approved honours or postgraduate course or equivalent qualification, which has been completed at an approved institution.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates can pursue careers in areas such as the government sector, private or corporate consulting sectors and research institutions.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications for most postgraduate courses at Flinders are made via the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) website: [satac.edu.au](http://satac.edu.au)

## FURTHER STUDY

Students will normally be required to achieve a GPA of at least 6.00 to be eligible to apply for research higher degree study. In addition, all research higher degree applications will be conditional on a suitable project, funding and supervisor.

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Research Methods may also be able to undertake a coursework masters degree in a range of disciplines.

## FIND OUT MORE

More information on the program of study, topic descriptions, entry requirements and fees can be found by navigating to Research Methods on our postgraduate courses page via: [flinders.edu.au/courses/postgrad](http://flinders.edu.au/courses/postgrad)

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