DOCTOR OF INDIGENOUS PHILOSOPHIES

Professional doctorate

The Doctor of Indigenous Philosophies is a program of study by coursework and research that comprises 24 units which include a research thesis. The course is designed to provide high-level research skills for Indigenous people and for those interested in careers in the Indigenous Australian sector.

The qualification is aimed at providing important and specific opportunities at both national and international levels for Indigenous peoples, those working within Indigenous communities, or for people working in the private and public sector, for the progression of in-depth studies on issues relevant to Indigenous communal futures.

Public and private sector organisations are encouraged to sponsor their staff to undertake the Doctorate, with the aim of conducting essential ethical and engaged research deemed critical to the human services sector and for policy development.

Major areas of study

The focus of the candidate’s research will be negotiated and agreed to by the candidate, their supervisor, and the Director of Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples. The candidates will be encouraged to restrict their investigations to issues that are relevant to, and could benefit Indigenous Australian peoples.

Your career

Students who graduate with a Doctor of Indigenous Philosophies will be well placed for a career in the government, professional or community sector, working in policy development, service delivery and program evaluation, and as leaders and high-level managers.

Summary

Location: Lismore, Distance Education
Intake: Session 1 and 2
Duration: 3 years full-time or 6 years part-time
Total units: 24

Postgraduate degrees by research

In addition to its postgraduate coursework degrees, Southern Cross University offers Masters by Thesis (Masters) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) research degrees. These are referred to as higher degrees by research (HDR) and do not include prescribed units of study (coursework). Candidates select a research topic which is of particular relevance to their professional and/or personal interests.

The HDR program focuses on independent research, conducted under the supervision of a principal and a supporting supervisor, which results in a thesis that is then sent out for external and independent examination.

It includes identifying a research topic and methodology, collection and analysis of data, and the development of a thesis.

Southern Cross University’s Research Training Unit offers advice and support to anyone who is considering HDR study. It provides quality assurance across the academic cycle of postgraduate research candidature – from recruitment, to supervisor selection and supported progress, through to examination.

Enquiries and applications are welcome at any time.

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E: research@scu.edu.au
General Information

Learning resources

MySCU is a student's point of entry to a range of online services and resources that support study and student life. The portal includes unit learning sites and information sites where students can access resources, communication tools and useful links that are integral to their studies.

The web-based study environment Blackboard Learn delivers an advanced online learning environment for students and lecturers to communicate and collaborate through virtual meeting spaces, classrooms, and discussion boards. They can share files, presentations and applications. If a tutorial or lecture is recorded, students can view it afterwards.

Learning materials include the provision of unit information guides, study guides and readings. Students may need to purchase or access prescribed text books.

The SCU library provides a wide range of services including librarian assistance, print and electronic resources, a document delivery service, catalogues, databases, ebooks, ereadings and full-text journal literature.

The academic skills development team supports student learning by offering online and on-campus academic skills workshops, email, phone, and one-on-one support.

Your previous work or study

Your previous learning experiences relevant to one or more units in your chosen course may help you cut months or years off your degree.

Recognition of formal and non-formal learning

Credit may be awarded to a student for formal learning (gained through full or partial achievement of an accredited qualification or course) or non-formal learning (that takes place through a non-accredited course or program of learning) completed at Southern Cross University or in other learning settings in Australia and/or overseas.

To help you identify how much credit you may receive for your related prior learning, the University has evaluated the learning within some Australian and overseas qualifications/courses, which are available at the SCU Pathways website.

Visit: scu.edu.au/scupathways

If your previous study or educational institution is not listed, we still encourage you to apply for advanced standing because you might still be eligible.

An application for advanced standing must be submitted so we can assess your prior learning. Please apply for advanced standing at the same time as you apply for admission into this course, because the amount of credit awarded will determine the sequence of units you will study.

Visit: scu.edu.au/advancedstanding

International students

Southern Cross University welcomes applications from international students. However this brochure is intended for use by Australian citizens and permanent residents only and should not be relied upon by international students. Brochures and information specifically for international students can be obtained from SCU International.

W: scu.edu.au/international
E: intoff@scu.edu.au
Freecall: 1800 626 481
T: 02 6620 3876

How to apply

Apply online direct to the University

For further information visit:

W: scu.edu.au/gnibi
E: futurestudent@scu.edu.au
Freecall: 1800 626 481
For full details go to: scu.edu.au/howtoapply

For further course information visit: scu.edu.au/courses

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