



Master of Visual Arts (Domestic students)

Program code	Admission requirements	Commencing in
5663	Bachelor degree or higher	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2
Available at	Relevant work experience	Next start date
Gold Coast Campus, South Bank Campus	(more)	Trimester 1, 2025 (more)
Duration		Applications close
1 to 2 years full-time 4 years part-time		Monday, 10 February 2025 Apply Now
Credit points		
160		
Indicative fee		
\$9,500.00* per year (more) * 2024 indicative annual CSP fee		

Degree requirements: Students who started Trimester 1 - 2025

To be eligible for the award of *Master of Visual Arts (MVA)*, a student must acquire 160 credit points as prescribed below:

- gain 80 credit points for prescribed courses and
- gain 40 credit points for Dissertation project courses and
- gain 40 credit points for elective courses.

To be eligible for the award of *Master of Visual Arts (MVA)*, a student admitted with **40 credit points of advanced standing** must acquire 120 credit points as prescribed below:

- gain 60 credit points for prescribed courses and
- gain 20 credit points for elective courses
- gain 40 credit points for Dissertation project courses.

To be eligible for the award of *Master of Visual Arts (MVA)*, a student admitted with **80 credit points of advanced standing** must acquire 80 credit points as prescribed below:

- gain 40 credit points for prescribed courses and
- gain 40 credit points for Dissertation project courses.

Exit point

To be eligible to exit the Master of Visual Arts program with the Graduate Certificate in Visual Arts award, a student must acquire 40 credit points for prescribed courses.

To exit, a student should apply for a program transfer.

Note: The Graduate Certificate exit point is not available to students admitted to the Masters program with advanced standing.

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level and Type

The [Australian Qualifications Framework \(AQF\)](#) is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. This qualification is accredited as an AQF Level 9 - Masters Degree (Coursework).

Program learning outcomes

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[Program Learning Outcomes](#) communicate to the community the value of the Griffith educational experience as benchmarked against national qualification standards.

Program Learning Outcomes for this award describe the knowledge, skills and the application of knowledge and skills you will acquire through studying the Griffith program of your choice.

Course list: Students starting Trimester 1 - 2025

Course offering information in program structures is a guide only. Please check the actual offering information in the Course Catalogue.

Program options

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1			Standard program	160
			OR	
Tri 1			Program with 40 credit points of advanced standing (see Note 1)	120
			OR	
Tri 1			Program with 80 credit points of advanced standing (see Note 2)	80

Note 1: For students with a Bachelor or Graduate Certificate qualification in a related discipline.

Note 2: For students with a Bachelor Honours or Graduate Diploma qualification in a related discipline.

Standard program

Year 1

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2	7024QCA		Studio Methodologies 1	10
Tri 1,2,3			Electives	20
Tri 1	7040QCA		Visual Analysis and Critical Reflection	10

Exit point: Graduate Certificate in Visual Arts (3181). To exit (after completing the above courses), a student should apply for a program transfer.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2	7025QCA		Studio Methodologies 2	10
Tri 1,2,3			Electives	20

Students must choose 10 credit points from the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	7217QCA		Introduction to Art Theory 2	10
Tri 1	7440QCA		Abstraction (offered in even years)	10
Tri 2	7429QCA		Art of Portraiture: History and Theory (offered in odd years)	10
Tri 2	7023QCA		Australian Art (offered in even years)	10
Tri 2	7002QCA		Global Visual Culture	10
Tri 1	7901QCA		Indigenous Art and Protocols	10
Tri 1	7918QCA		The Art of Resistance	10
Tri 1	7431QCA		Art, Gender, Sexuality and the Body (offered in odd years)	10
Tri 2	7439QCA		Memory and Trauma in Visual Culture	10

Year 2

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7094QCA		Visual Arts Research Methods	20
Tri 1,2	7062QCA_P1		Dissertation Project	10
Tri 1,2	7062QCA_P2		Dissertation Project	10
Tri 2	7214QCA		Communicating Research	20
Tri 1,2	7062QCA_P3		Dissertation Project	10
Tri 1,2	7062QCA_P4		Dissertation Project	10

Program with 40 credit points of advanced standing

Students must complete the following courses.

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2	7025QCA		Studio Methodologies 2	10
Tri 1,2,3			Electives	20
Tri 1,2	7062QCA_P1		Dissertation Project	10
Tri 1,2	7062QCA_P2		Dissertation Project	10
Tri 1	7094QCA		Visual Arts Research Methods	20
Tri 2	7214QCA		Communicating Research	20
Tri 1,2	7062QCA_P3		Dissertation Project	10
Tri 1,2	7062QCA_P4		Dissertation Project	10

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Tri 2	7217QCA		Introduction to Art Theory 2	10
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Tri 2	7023QCA		Australian Art (offered in even years)	10
Tri 2	7002QCA		Global Visual Culture	10
Tri 1	7901QCA		Indigenous Art and Protocols	10
Tri 1	7918QCA		The Art of Resistance	10
Tri 1	7431QCA		Art, Gender, Sexuality and the Body (offered in odd years)	10
Tri 2	7439QCA		Memory and Trauma in Visual Culture	10

Program with 80 credit points of advanced standing

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	7214QCA		Communicating Research	20
Tri 1,2	7062QCA_P1		Dissertation Project	10
Tri 1,2	7062QCA_P2		Dissertation Project	10
Tri 1	7094QCA		Visual Arts Research Methods	20
Tri 1,2	7062QCA_P3		Dissertation Project	10
Tri 1,2	7062QCA_P4		Dissertation Project	10

Electives (1 available)

Listed Electives

The elective groupings below are provided to assist you in choosing electives that align with your career interests. You are not limited to selection from any one group, and you can select from across the elective interest groups. Please note that some courses have prerequisites.

Students may select electives from the list below or any Postgraduate course offered across the University approved by the Program Director.

Note: If you have completed any of the below courses previously in your Undergraduate degree, you cannot take the course in your Postgraduate Visual Art degree. Please choose a different elective. Consult with your Program Director if you are unsure.

Art History & Theory

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	7217QCA	Listed Elective	Introduction to Art Theory 2	10
Tri 1	7440QCA	Listed Elective	Abstraction (offered in even years)	10
Tri 2	7429QCA	Listed Elective	Art of Portraiture: History and Theory (offered in odd years)	10
Tri 2	7023QCA	Listed Elective	Australian Art (offered in even years)	10
Tri 2	7002QCA	Listed Elective	Global Visual Culture	10
Tri 1	7901QCA	Listed Elective	Indigenous Art and Protocols	10
Tri 1	7918QCA	Listed Elective	The Art of Resistance	10
Tri 1	7431QCA	Listed Elective	Art, Gender, Sexuality and the Body (offered in odd years)	10
Tri 2	7439QCA	Listed Elective	Memory and Trauma in Visual Culture	10

Note: The year/Trimester of offer for the above-mentioned courses are subject to availability/change.

Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	7253QCA	Listed Elective	Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art Foundations	10
Tri 1	7901QCA	Listed Elective	Indigenous Art and Protocols	10
Tri 1	7918QCA	Listed Elective	The Art of Resistance	10
Tri 1,2	7917QCA	Listed Elective	Back to Country	10

Note: The year/Trimester of offer for the above-mentioned courses are subject to availability/change.

Drawing

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	7324QCA	Listed Elective	Drawing Foundations	10
Tri 1	7305QCA	Listed Elective	Drawing and the Body	10
Tri 1	7033QCA	Listed Elective	Performing Drawings: Narrative and Time (not offered from 2024)	10
Tri 2	7308QCA	Listed Elective	Dark Drawing and Narrative	10
Tri 3	7711QCA	Listed Elective	Introduction to Sketch-noting (not offered from 2023)	10

Note: The year/Trimester of offer for the above-mentioned courses are subject to availability/change.

Digital Design Basics

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7152QCA	Listed Elective	Visual Communication	10
Tri 1	7524QCA	Listed Elective	Prototyping	10
Tri 2	7518QCA	Listed Elective	Still and Moving Image (not offered from 2023)	10
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Tri 2	7535QCA	Listed Elective	Still and Moving Image	10

Note: The year/Trimester of offer for the above-mentioned theory courses are subject to availability/change.

Internships/Industry Placements/WIL

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2,3	7092QCA	Listed Elective	Griffith University Art Museum Internship	10
Tri 1,2,3	7093QCA	Listed Elective	Griffith University Art Museum Internship	20
Tri 1	7001QCA	Listed Elective	QCA Galleries Internship	10

Note: The year/Trimester of offer for the above-mentioned courses are subject to availability/change.

Jewellery & Small Objects

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2	7320QCA	Listed Elective	Jewellery and Small Objects Foundations	10
Tri 1	7393QCA	Listed Elective	Jewellery and Small Objects: Repetition	10
Tri 2	7397QCA	Listed Elective	Small Scale Lost Wax Casting	10
Tri 1	7377QCA	Listed Elective	Jewellery Production Reproduction (offered from 2023)	10

Note: The year/Trimester of offer for the above-mentioned courses are subject to availability/change.

Mobility

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2,3	7433QCA	Listed Elective	Internat/National Study Tour (not offered from 2023)	20
Tri 1,2,3	7597QCA	Listed Elective	QCA International Study Exchange (not offered from 2023)	20
Tri 1,2,3	7695QCA	Listed Elective	Indo-Pac Intensive Tour (not offered from 2023)	20

Note: The year/Trimester of offer for the above-mentioned courses are subject to availability/change.

Painting

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,3	7251QCA	Listed Elective	Introduction to Painting	10
Tri 1	7690QCA	Listed Elective	Painting and Observation	10
Tri 1	7384QCA	Listed Elective	Painting Studio 1	10
Tri 2	7385QCA	Listed Elective	Painting Studio 2	10

Note: The year/Trimester of offer for the above-mentioned courses are subject to availability/change.

Photography

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,3	7613QCA	Listed Elective	Introduction to Photography	10
Tri 1	7801QCA	Listed Elective	Photo Studio 1	10
Tri 2	7803QCA	Listed Elective	Photo Studio 2	10
Tri 2	7651QCA	Listed Elective	Digital Photography	10

Note: The year/Trimester of offer for the above-mentioned courses are subject to availability/change.

Print

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	7319QCA	Listed Elective	Print Foundations	10
Tri 1	7394QCA	Listed Elective	Print: Culture	10
Tri 2	7398QCA	Listed Elective	Print: Making	10
Tri 1	7159QCA	Listed Elective	QCA Print Internship (not offered from 2024)	10
Tri 1	7773QCA	Listed Elective	Print: Practice (not offered from 2024)	10
Tri 2	7399QCA	Listed Elective	Print: Studio (not offered from 2024)	10

Note: The year/Trimester of offer for the above-mentioned courses are subject to availability/change.

Public Art

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2	7380QCA	Listed Elective	Public Art	10
Tri 1,2	7034QCA	Listed Elective	Public Art 2	10
Tri 1,2	7035QCA	Listed Elective	Public Art 3	10

Note: The year/Trimester of offer for the above-mentioned courses are subject to availability/change.

Sculpture

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7252QCA	Listed Elective	Introduction to Sculpture	10
Tri 1	7391QCA	Listed Elective	Sculpture Studio 1	10
Tri 2	7395QCA	Listed Elective	Sculpture Studio 2	10

Note: The year/Trimester of offer for the above-mentioned courses are subject to availability/change.

Other

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 3	7002GFS	Listed Elective	Arts-Science in the Field	10
Tri 2	7003QCA	Listed Elective	Studio Methodologies 1 (only offered at South Bank)	20
Tri 1	7003GFS	Listed Elective	Science Fictions: Creative Climate Futures	10
Tri 2	7204QCA	Listed Elective	Arts Health in Practice	10
Tri 2	7001GFS	Listed Elective	Ecology, Sensing and the Arts	10
Tri 1,2,3		Listed Elective	Postgraduate course approved by the Program Director	10

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