

## EXAM SKILLS

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### Common Australian University Qualifications

#### Undergraduate Study



#### Postgraduate Study



The screenshot shows a website with a dark blue header containing navigation links: Home, About, News, Top Stories, and a Search bar. The main content area has an orange background with five white text boxes. The first box on the left describes common bachelor degrees (3-6 years). The second box on the right describes bachelor degrees with honours (extra year). The third box on the left describes admission to postgraduate programmes. The fourth box on the right describes masters courses (1-2 years). The fifth box on the left describes admission to a doctoral programme. At the bottom right, there are illustrations of a stack of books, a graduation cap, a rolled diploma, a medal, and a globe.

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The most common degree from an Australian university is a three-year bachelor degree in a field such as arts, business or science. Professional degrees such as engineering or law are completed over four years. Veterinary and dentistry degrees take five years and medical degrees take up to six.

A bachelor degree with 'honours' is usually achieved by doing an extra year of study at a more advanced level. Honours programme placements are offered to students with high bachelor-degree grades, particularly in the final year.

Admission to postgraduate programmes is based on achievement in previous university studies and, for some courses, on professional experience as well.

Masters courses are typically one year in duration for full-time study (or two years when completed part-time). MBAs may require one or two years of full-time study but are most commonly one and a half years.

To be accepted onto a doctoral programme, you need high achievement in a masters degree or to have a bachelor degree with at least upper-level second-class honours. A doctoral degree is assessed based on a dissertation, although coursework may feature in the first year. Generally this degree will last three to four years.