Master of Biotechnology Research Extensive (MBiotechResEx)

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Program Code: 5627
Duration Options:
2 year duration (32 units of study)
1.5 year duration (24 units of study and 8 units for prior learning)
Entry Requirements: Please refer to MBiotechResEx future students page

Key Program Information

- This program requires students to complete a year long research project as part of their studies.
- The 2 year duration program offers student the option to complete a field of study, however, it is not compulsory to complete this. Please refer to study plan options below.
- The 1.5 year duration cannot be completed with a field of study.
- Some courses in this program may contain enrolment restrictions requiring permission from the Head of School or other approvals. Students are required to email the School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences to gain approval for restricted courses before they can enrol on SI-Net

Important Notes

The information contained in this document is intended as general advice only.

Students must follow the program rules & requirements listed on the Programs and Courses Website. This planner must be used in conjunction with your program duration course list and program rules.

Students need to check the prerequisites, incompatibilities and restrictions for all courses they select in their study plan. Future course offerings are subject to change.

This document is not intended as a progression or graduation check. For further information on progression or graduation checks, please contact your school.

Further Assistance

Check out the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page on this study planner document.

If you need further advice or have other questions, please contact:

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2 year duration – No field of study

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Semester 1 commencement

Step 1 Start with the base study plan outlining Core Courses, and Research Courses.

Year 1				
1st Semester (Feb – Jun) *Semester 1*	**BIOT7018** Biologics *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7031** Quality Management Systems in Biotechnology *2 units – Core Course*	**Option** *2 units – Program Elective Course*	**Option** *2 units – Program Elective Course*
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Semester 2 commencement

Step 1 Start with the base study plan outlining Core Courses, and Research Courses.

Year 1				
1st Semester (July – Nov) *Semester 2*	**BIOT7005** Commercialisation of Biotechnology Products *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7033** Issues in Biotechnology *2 units – Core Course*	**Option** *2 units – Program Elective Course*	**Option** *2 units – Program Elective Course*
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Master of Biotechnology Research Extensive (MBiotechResEx)

2 year duration – Animal Agricultural Biotechnology field of study

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Semester 1 commencement

Step 1 Start with the base study plan outlining Core Courses, Research Courses and Field of Study Courses

Year 1				
1st Semester (Feb – Jun) *Semester 1*	**BIOT7018** Biologics *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7031** Quality Management Systems in Biotechnology *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7037** Current Innovations in Agricultural Biotechnology *2 units – Field of Study Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*
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Semester 2 commencement

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1st Semester (July – Nov) *Semester 2*	**BIOT7005** Commercialisation of Biotechnology Products *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7033** Issues in Biotechnology *2 units – Core Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*
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Master of Biotechnology Research Extensive (MBiotechResEx)

2 year duration – Medical Biotechnology field of study

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Semester 1 commencement

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Year 1				
1st Semester (Feb – Jun) *Semester 1*	**BIOT7018** Biologics *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7031** Quality Management Systems in Biotechnology *2 units – Core Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*
2nd Semester (July – Nov) *Semester 2*	**BIOT7005** Commercialisation of Biotechnology Products *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7033** Issues in Biotechnology *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7060** Frontiers in Medical Biotechnology *2 units – Field of Study Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*
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2 year duration – Medical Biotechnology field of study

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Semester 2 commencement

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Year 1				
1st Semester (July – Nov) *Semester 2*	**BIOT7005** Commercialisation of Biotechnology Products *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7033** Issues in Biotechnology *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7060** Frontiers in Medical Biotechnology *2 units – Field of Study Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*
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Master of Biotechnology Research Extensive (MBiotechResEx)

2 year duration – Molecular Imaging Technology field of study

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Semester 1 commencement

Step 1 Start with the base study plan outlining Core Courses, Research Courses and Field of Study Courses

Year 1				
1st Semester (Feb – Jun) *Semester 1*	**BIOT7018** Biologics *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7031** Quality Management Systems in Biotechnology *2 units – Core Course*	**MOLI7101** Molecular Targets & Imaging Probes *2 units – Field of Study Course*	**MOLI7102** *Clinical Molecular Imaging* *2 units – Field of Study Course*
2nd Semester (July – Nov) *Semester 2*	**BIOT7005** Commercialisation of Biotechnology Products *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7033** Issues in Biotechnology *2 units – Core Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*
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Master of Biotechnology Research Extensive (MBiotechResEx)

2 year duration – Molecular Imaging Technology field of study

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Semester 2 commencement

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1st Semester (July – Nov) *Semester 2*	**BIOT7005** Commercialisation of Biotechnology Products *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7033** Issues in Biotechnology *2 units – Core Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*
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Master of Biotechnology Research Extensive (MBiotechResEx)

2 year duration – Plant Agricultural Biotechnology field of study

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Semester 1 commencement

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Year 1				
1st Semester (Feb – Jun) *Semester 1*	**BIOT7018** Biologics *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7031** Quality Management Systems in Biotechnology *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7037** Current Innovations in Agricultural Biotechnology *2 units – Field of Study Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*
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Master of Biotechnology Research Extensive (MBiotechResEx)

2 year duration – Plant Agricultural Biotechnology field of study

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Semester 2 commencement

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Master of Biotechnology Research Extensive (MBiotechResEx)

2 year duration – Synthetic Biology and Industrial Biotechnology field of study

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Semester 1 commencement

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Year 1				
1st Semester (Feb – Jun) *Semester 1*	**BIOT7018** Biologics *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7031** Quality Management Systems in Biotechnology *2 units – Core Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*
2nd Semester (July – Nov) *Semester 2*	**BIOT7005** Commercialisation of Biotechnology Products *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7033** Issues in Biotechnology *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7050** Principles of Synthetic Biology *2 units – Field of Study Course*	**Option** *2 units – Field of Study Course*
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1.5 year duration – No field of study

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Semester 1 commencement

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2nd Semester (July – Nov) *Semester 2*	**BIOT7005** Commercialisation of Biotechnology Products *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOT7033** Issues in Biotechnology *2 units – Core Course*	**BIOX7026** cont Advanced Research Project & Seminar – *4 units* ***16 units** – Research Project across 3 semesters*
Year 2			
3rd Semester (Feb – Jun) *Semester 1*	**BIOX7026** cont Advanced Research Project & Seminar – *8 units* ***16 units** – Research Project across 3 semesters*		

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is a prerequisite?

Please refer to: What does 'prerequisite' mean in a course profile?

What is a course profile?

Please refer to: What is a course profile?

Where can I find the course profile?

Please refer to: Where do I find the course profile for my course?

Where can I find the course coordinator?

The course coordinator can be found on the course profile. Please refer to question "Where can I find the course profile?".

Can I study this program part-time?

International students on a student visa must study this program full-time, as per their visa conditions.

Domestic students may choose to complete the program part-time. Part-time students are required to develop their own study plan, however, if you would like assistance with this, please contact the School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences.

Can I study the Master of Biotechnology Research Extensive online?

No, this program requires mandatory in person attendance at the University of Queensland St Lucia campus.

Where can I find research projects for the Master of Biotechnology Research Extensive?

Students can find research projects on the School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences project handbook, located online at: Projects - School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences - University of Queensland (uq.edu.au)

Do I have to complete a field of study?

It is not compulsory for students to complete a field of study in this program. It is optional if students would like to add this to their study. Please note that adding a field of study may reduce your other course options.

Can I add or remove a field of study after I have commenced the program?

Student can remove a field of study at any time during the program and complete the no field of study option. This does not require permission.

Students may be able to add a field of study to their program, provided they still have sufficient room in the program to complete all the courses for the field of study. Please note that PPL Enrolment Procedure, Section 3 – Enrolment in Additional Courses Beyond the Program Requirements (Superfluous Courses) prevents students from completing additional courses in the program. If you require additional courses to complete a field of study, please contact the Faculty of Science for advice.

What is recognised prior learning or reduced duration credit?

Students commencing the Masters program with a relevant background may be eligible to enter a shorter duration program. These students may be eligible to enter a shorter duration program as they do not need to complete the foundational or background courses as they have covered this background content in their prior studies.

Students who are eligible to complete a reduced duration program are granted recognised prior learning. The unit value for prior learning is posted to a students account and, in conjunction with their studies, makes up the total unit value required for the program.

Students can review the entry requirements of the program to determine if they may be eligible for recognised prior learning, and apply via an online application (be sure to state recognised prior learning), or contact the Faculty of Science for further advice.