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MS online course ranked world's best

A unique online course created by the University of Tasmania's Menzies Institute for Medical Research has been named the best online course of 2019.

The Understanding Multiple Sclerosis (MS) free online course was developed by the Menzies Institute in collaboration with MS Limited and the Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre.

It was the most highly ranked course on Class Central, which lists online courses around the world, based on the average of the thousands of reviews made by users for courses released in 2019.

MS is a neurological disorder for which there is currently no cure. It affects almost 26,000 Australians and costs the country more than \$1.75 billion annually.

The Director of the Menzies Institute for Medical Research, Distinguished Professor Alison Venn, said she was proud to see the course recognised.

"MS has been a research focus at Menzies for more than 20 years and is now a key priority with the establishment of the MS Research Flagship Program.

"An important function of the course is ensuring that knowledge shared about MS is evidence-based and up to date with current research."

Understanding MS is designed for people living with MS, their carers and support networks, and healthcare providers as well as anyone with an interest in learning about the disease. Information on risks, symptom management, interventions and lived experiences are given through a series of videos presented by academics, nurses and allied health professionals, and importantly, people living with MS.

The course is currently open for enrolments and the next iteration begins on March 16. For more information or to sign up go to:
<https://ms.mooc.utas.edu.au/>

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<https://www.classcentral.com/report/best-free-online-courses-2019/>

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