

Research Degrees at Middlesex University

Degree Title	School	Standard	Mode	Taught Elements	Thesis/Project Length	Cohort
MA/MSc (by Research) wholly by thesis	All	The standard of the MA/MSc (by research) is that expected of a candidate who has undertaken a research programme, demonstrated knowledge and understanding of existing scholarship or research in the field specified by the thesis title, and presented the material with clarity. The candidate must have demonstrated competence in the relevant methods of research and presented and defended a thesis by oral examination to the satisfaction of the examiners.	FT and PT	Integral to the degree, and progression is dependent on satisfactory progress.	Normally 30,000 words maximum	For those with appropriate qualifications wishing to investigate a specified field.
Partly in non-written form	All		FT and PT		Normally 15,000 words maximum	
MPhil wholly by Thesis	All	The standard of the MPhil is that expected of a candidate who has investigated critically and evaluated an approved topic, and contributed to knowledge of this topic. The candidate must have demonstrated an understanding of research methods appropriate to the chosen field, and presented and defended a thesis, by oral examination, to the satisfaction of the examiners.	FT and PT	Integral to the degree, and progression is dependent on satisfactory progress.	Normally 40,000 words maximum	For those with appropriate qualifications wishing to research a particular topic at Masters level.
Partly in non-written form	All but most often used by Arts and Computing Science		FT and PT		Normally 15,000 - 20,000 words maximum	
PhD wholly by thesis	All	The standard of the PhD is that expected of a candidate who has investigated critically and evaluated an approved topic resulting in an independent and original contribution to scholarship, worthy of publication in complete and abridged form. The candidate must have shown evidence of ability to undertake further research without supervision and have presented and defended a thesis, by oral examination, to the satisfaction of the examiners.	FT and PT	Integral to the degree, and progression is dependent on satisfactory progress.	Normally 80,000 words maximum	For those with appropriate qualifications wishing to research a particular topic at doctoral level.
Partly in non-written form	All but most often used by Arts and Computing Science		FT and PT		Normally 30,000 - 40,000 words maximum	
MPhil by Public Works	All	The standard of the MPhil by Public Works is equivalent to that of an MPhil by thesis. The candidate must have made a personal, systematic, study normally on a single or predominant theme or topic with unity, continuity, and convergent treatment among the works. The candidate must have contributed to knowledge of this theme or topic through critical investigation and evaluation. The candidate must have demonstrated an understanding of research methods appropriate to the chosen theme, and have presented and defended the submitted works to the satisfaction of the examiners.	FT and PT (usually PT)	Research methods and/or other training may be required to write the context statement.	A context statement normally of 10,000 - 30,000 words maximum (dependent on the nature of the context statement) plus submitted public works.	For those who have works (textual, artistic, computer programs etc) in the public domain which are not accredited by qualifications.

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MProf (Including MProf in Leadership for Sustainable Development)	All	The standard of the M Prof is that expected of a candidate who has engaged in work based learning, from taught and project sources, relating to organisational change and/or professional development. The candidate is required to produce a substantive project report and to orally present and defend the report.	Usually PT	3 modules totalling 80 credits integral to the programme.	12,000 words maximum for 60 credit project. Longer if no accredited learning.	For those who already have substantial professional experience and are working at a senior level.
DProf (Including the DPsych)	All	The standard of the D Prof is that expected of a candidate who has engaged in advanced work based learning, from taught and major project sources, which has the potential to achieve major organisational change and/or excellence in professional practice resulting in original work worthy of publication in complete or abridged form. The candidate must have shown evidence of ability to undertake self-managed and/or collaborative research and project development and orally defended the product of the study to the satisfaction of the assessors.	Usually PT	3 modules totalling 80 credits integral to the programme.	35,000 - 65,000 words (which may incorporate a contribution to professional practice) dependent on the amount of prior project work already accredited.	For those who already have substantial professional experience and are working at a senior level.
MProf by Public Works	All	The standard of the MProf by Public Work is equivalent to that of an MProf by project report. The public work (when considered with the context statement) must illustrate a significant contribution to professional practice. The candidate must have defended the submitted works to the satisfaction of the examiners.	FT and PT (usually PT)	Research methods and/or other training may be required to write the context statement.	A context statement normally of 10,000 - 12,000 words maximum plus submitted public works (depending on the nature of the context statement)	For those who have professional work in the public domain which is not accredited by qualifications
DProf by Public Works	All	The standard of the DProf by Public Work is equivalent to that of a DProf by project report. The public work (when considered with the context statement) must illustrate leading edge outcomes of high level professional work. The candidate must have defended the submitted works to the satisfaction of the examiners.	FT and PT (usually PT)	Research methods and/or other training may be required to write the context statement.	A context statement normally of 15,000 - 20,000 words maximum plus submitted public works (depending on the nature of the context statement)	For those who have professional work in the public domain which is not accredited by qualifications.

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ArtsM	Arts	The standard of the ArtsM is that expected in a candidate of significant professional standing who has investigated the knowledge implicit in the arts practice itself through the execution of an agreed programme of creative work and successfully elicited, documented and evaluated that knowledge in academically appropriate registers of writing. The programme of work will show a critical command of knowledge and understanding in its academic and professional field.	Usually PT	Newly-validated programme. Research training integral to programme.	Research contextualising written enquiry - maximum 20,000 words.	For professionally qualified creative/performing arts practitioners.
Arts D	Arts	The standard of the ArtsD is that expected of a candidate of advanced professional standing who has investigated the knowledge implicit in the arts practice itself through the execution of an agreed programme of creative work, and successfully elicited, documented and evaluated that knowledge in academically appropriate registers of writing and in oral examination by both academic and professional peers. The programme of work will have created and interpreted new knowledge in its field.	Usually PT	Newly-validated programme. Research training integral to programme.	Research - contextualising written enquiry - maximum 20,000 words. (Differs from ArtsM in level, not word-length).	For professionally highly qualified creative/performing arts practitioners.
EdD	Lifelong Learning and Education	The standard of Doctor of Education is that expected of a candidate who has undertaken a sustained and in depth portfolio of research projects in the contexts of educational activities and the work of educational institutions. The candidate must display evidence of their ability to plan and undertake self-managed enquiries, which are disseminated to a public audience through for example publication and exhibition, and have produced and defended a coherent overview of the contribution the work makes to the field of enquiry and to practice, to the satisfaction of the examiners.	Usually PT	3 modules totalling 90 credits integral to the programme.	Project work amounting to 36,000 words and 18,000 word overview for oral exam.	For practitioners researching and developing a specific field of educational enquiry.

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EngD	Computing Science	<p>The standard of the EngD is that expected of a candidate who has investigated critically and evaluated an approved topic resulting in an independent and original contribution to scholarship worthy of publication in complete or abridged form, in an engineering discipline, that is a discipline falling under the purview of the constituent institutions of the Engineering Council.</p> <p>The candidate must have shown evidence of ability to undertake further research without supervision, presented and defended a thesis by oral examination to the satisfaction of the examiners, completed a programme of course work to the satisfaction of the examiners, and presented the research to an invited audience representing interests internal and external to the University.</p> <p>The EngD is not a higher doctorate than the PhD. It is qualitatively different in that the study programme will be designed to include features which are particularly appropriate to engineering practice and industrial research.</p>	FT and PT	Research training integral to programme and assessed coursework in mandatory.	Normally 80,000 words maximum	For those working in, or with a background in, engineering practice and industrial research.