

MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY QUALIFICATIONS

The University confers the following qualifications on students who have completed an approved programme of study or research and who have satisfied the Assessment Board.

J1.1 Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (FHEQ) Level 4 - Holders of qualifications at this level will have demonstrated:

- knowledge of the underlying concepts and principles associated with their area(s) of study, and an ability to evaluate and interpret these within the context of that area of study
- an ability to present, evaluate, and interpret qualitative and quantitative data, to develop lines of argument and make sound judgements in accordance with basic theories and concepts of their subject(s) of study.

Qualifications at this level are as follows:

Certificate (Cert)

Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)

Certificate in Education (Further Education)(CertEdFE)

J1.2 FHEQ Level 5 - Holders of qualifications at this level will have demonstrated:

- knowledge and critical understanding of the well-established principles of their area(s) of study, and of the way in which those principles have developed
- an ability to apply underlying concepts and principles outside the context in which they were first studied, including, where appropriate, the application of those principles in an employment context
- knowledge of the main methods of enquiry in their subject(s), and ability to evaluate critically the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems in the field of study
- an understanding of the limits of their knowledge, and how this influences analyses and interpretations based on that knowledge.

Qualifications at this level are as follows:

Diploma (Dip)

Diploma in Employability Studies

Diploma in Industrial Studies

Advanced Diploma Professional Practice

Diploma (Advanced) (DipAdv)

Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)

Foundation Degree (FdA/FdSc)

Certificate in Management Studies (CMS)

Post-Experience Certificate

Post-Experience Diploma

Higher Diploma

J1.3 FHEQ level 6 - Holders of qualifications at this level will have demonstrated:

- a systematic understanding of key aspects of their field of study, including acquisition of coherent and detailed knowledge, at least some of which is at or informed by, the forefront of defined aspects of a discipline
- an ability to deploy accurately established techniques of analysis and enquiry within a discipline
- conceptual understanding that enables the student to devise and sustain arguments, and/or to solve problems, using ideas and techniques, some of which are at the forefront of a discipline; and to describe and comment upon particular aspects of current research, or equivalent advanced scholarship, in the discipline
- an appreciation of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge
- the ability to manage their own learning, and to make use of scholarly reviews and primary sources (eg refereed research articles and/or original materials appropriate to the discipline).

Qualifications at this level are as follows:

Diploma in Professional Studies (DPS)

Advanced Diploma (AdvDip)

Graduate Certificate

Bachelor of Arts (BA) – Ordinary Degree

Bachelor of Science (BSc) – Ordinary Degree

Bachelor of Arts with Honours (BA)

Bachelor/Master of Engineering (BEng/MEng)

Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

Bachelor of Music with Honours (BMus)

Bachelor/Master of Osteopathy (BOst/MOst)

Bachelor of Science with Honours (BSc)

Bachelor of Theology (BTh)

Graduate Diploma (GDip)

Graduate Diploma in Law (CPE)

J1.4 FHEQ level 7 - Holders of qualifications at this level will have demonstrated:

- a systematic understanding of knowledge, and a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, much of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of their academic discipline, field of study, or area of professional practice
- a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to their own research or advanced scholarship
- originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline

- conceptual understanding that enables the student to evaluate critically current research and advanced scholarship in the discipline, and to evaluate methodologies and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate, to propose new hypotheses.

Taught Qualifications at this level are as follows:

Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert)

Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

Postgraduate Certificate of Higher Education (PGCertHE)

Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip)

Diploma in Management Studies (DMS)

Master of Arts (MA)

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Master of Design (MDes)

Master of Education (MEd)

Master of Fine Arts (MFA)

Master of Laws (LLM)

Master of Music (MMus)

Master of Science (MSc)

Master of Research (MRes)

Integrated Masters Qualifications at this level are as follows:

Master of Complementary Medicine (MCM)

Master of Engineering (MEng)

Master of Mathematics (MMath)

Master of Nursing (MNurs)

Master of Osteopathy (MOst)

Master in Science (MSci)

Research Qualifications at the level are as follows:

Master in Arts (ArtsM)

Master of Arts by Research (MA by Research)

Master of Laws by Research (LLM by Research)

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

Master of Philosophy by Public Works (MPhil by Public Works)

Master of Science by Research (MSc by Research)

Master of Business Research (MBR)

Master of Theology (MTh)

Professional Qualifications at this level are as follows:

Master of Professional Studies (MProf)

J1.5 FHEQ level 8- Holders of qualifications at this level will have demonstrated:

- the creation and interpretation of new knowledge, through original research or other advanced scholarship, of a quality to satisfy peer review, extend the forefront of the discipline, and merit publication
- a systematic acquisition and understanding of a substantial body of knowledge which is at the forefront of an academic discipline or area of professional practice
- the general ability to conceptualise, design and implement a project for the generation of new knowledge, applications or understanding at the forefront of the discipline, and to adjust the project design in the light of unforeseen problems
- a detailed understanding of applicable techniques for research and advanced academic enquiry.

Doctoral level qualifications are as follows:

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Doctor of Philosophy by Public Works (Phd by Public Works)

Professional qualifications at this level are as follows:

Doctor in Arts (ArtsD)

Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)

Doctor of Education (EdD)

Doctor of Engineering (EngD)

Doctor of Professional Studies (DProf)

Doctor of Professional Studies by Public Works (DProf by Public Works)

Doctor of Psychotherapy by Professional Studies (DPsych)

Doctor of Psychotherapy by Public Works (DPsych by Public Works)

Doctor of Counselling Psychology and Psychotherapy by Professional Studies (DCPsych)

Higher Doctorates are as follows:

Doctor of Laws (LLD)

Doctor of Letters (DLitt)

Doctor of Science (DSc)

Doctor of Technology (DTech)

J1.6 Honorary awards

The University may also confer Honorary awards:

Master of the University (MUniv)

Doctor of the University (DUniv)

J1.7 Non-Middlesex qualifications

Non-Middlesex qualifications such as Edexcel and professional body qualifications which are offered by the University do not have to conform to the learning framework although they must be credit rated and must demonstrate at validation that transfer points exist.

J2 Qualifications with merit or distinction

Where the regulations for the programmes of study allow, the above qualifications may be granted with merit or distinction.

J3 Bachelor's qualifications

Bachelor's degrees may be granted as the following:

Bachelor's Degree with First Class Honours

Bachelor's Degree with Second Class Honours (Upper Division)

Bachelor's Degree with Second Class Honours (Lower Division)

Bachelor's Degree with Third Class Honours

Bachelor's Degree (Ordinary degree)

J4 Aegrotat awards

All qualifications may be conferred as aegrotat awards, providing that an Assessment Board is satisfied, from the work that has been submitted, that the candidate would, had they been assessed, have achieved the level necessary for the qualification. A candidate is not obliged to accept an aegrotat award but may elect to be reassessed if such opportunities exist. Aegrotat awards do not carry any Classification. 'Aegrotat' is not indicated on certificates.

J5 Posthumous awards

Any qualification listed above may be conferred posthumously and accepted on the student's behalf by a parent, spouse or other appropriate individual. The level of the award will be determined by the Faculty/School Assessment Board in consultation with the Academic Registrar.

J6 Rescinding of qualifications

The Academic Board may, in exceptional circumstances, rescind a qualification which it has conferred.

J7 Qualification certificates

Each person who is awarded a qualification of the University shall be given a certificate. The qualification certificate will be issued in the full legal name of the student at the point of conferment. Certificates are dispatched within 2 months of the publication of results. A replacement certificate will normally be issued once only on receipt of a written request and on payment of the appropriate fee.

J8 Undergraduate qualifications**A FHEQ level 4**

Certificate The standard of the Certificate is that expected of a student with prior knowledge and skills equivalent to five GCSE passes, who has successfully completed a programme of study at higher education level assessed at 40 credits at FHEQ level 4 or above. The Certificate is not available as an exit or interim qualification for students registered on other University programmes.

Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) The standard of the Certificate of Higher Education is that expected of a student with prior knowledge and skill equivalent to passes in two subjects at Advanced Level, supported by passes in three other subjects at GCSE; who has successfully completed a programme of study assessed at 120 credits at FHEQ level 4 or above.

B FHEQ level 5

Diploma The standard of the Diploma is that expected for a student with prior knowledge and skills equivalent to two passes at Advanced Level who has successfully completed a programme of study assessed at 40 credit points at FHEQ level 5 or above. The Diploma is not available as an exit or interim qualification for students registered on other University programmes.

Diploma in Employability Studies The standard of the Diploma in Employability Studies is that expected of a student who has successfully undertaken a placement in accordance with the regulations for the relevant programme of study and relevant to that programme, assessed at not less than 120 credits at FHEQ level 6.

Diploma in Industrial Studies The standard of the Diploma in Industrial Studies is that expected of a student who has successfully undertaken a placement in accordance with the regulations for the relevant programme of study, assessed at not less than 120 credits at the relevant FHEQ level (4, 5 or 6).

Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) The standard of the Diploma of Higher Education is that expected of a student with prior knowledge and skill equivalent to passes in two subjects at Advanced Level, supported by passes in three other subjects at GCSE; who has successfully completed a programme of study assessed at not less than 240 credits at FHEQ level 4 or above, and including 90 at FHEQ level 5 or above.

Foundation Degree (FdA or FdSc) The standard of the Foundation Degree is that expected of a student with prior knowledge and skills equivalent to passes in one subject at Advanced Level, supported by passes in three other subjects at GCSE; who has successfully completed a programme of study, assessed at 240 credits at FHEQ level 4 or above, including 90 at FHEQ level 5 or above. The Foundation Degree is not available as an exit or interim qualification for students registered on other University programmes.

Post-Experience Certificate The standard of the Post-Experience Certificate is that expected of a student who can demonstrate at admission appropriate qualifications and experience and successfully completes a programme consisting of 60 credits at FHEQ level 5 or above with a minimum of 30 credits at FHEQ level 6 or above.

Post-Experience Diploma The standard of the Post-Experience Diploma is that expected of a student who can demonstrate at admission appropriate qualifications and experience and successfully completes a programme consisting of 120 credits at FHEQ level 5 or above with a minimum of 60 credits at FHEQ level 6 or above.

Higher Diploma The standard of the Higher Diploma is that expected of a student with appropriate knowledge and skills deemed to be at level 4 (FHEQ), who has successfully completed a programme of at least 120 credits at level 5.

C FHEQ level 6

Graduate Certificate/Advanced Diploma The standard of the Graduate Certificate/Advanced Diploma is that expected of a student with appropriate knowledge and skills deemed to be at FHEQ levels 4 and 5 of the Learning Framework, who has successfully completed a programme of at least 60 credits at FHEQ level 6.

Ordinary Bachelor's Degree The standard of the Ordinary Bachelor's Degree is that expected of a student with prior knowledge and skills equivalent to passes in two subjects at Advanced Level, supported by passes in three other subjects at GCSE; who has successfully completed a programme of study assessed at not less than 300 credits at FHEQ level 4 or above, including at least 150 at FHEQ level 5 or above and a minimum of 60 at FHEQ level 6 or above.

Bachelor's Degree with Honours The standard of the Bachelor's Degree with Honours is that expected of a student with prior knowledge and skill equivalent to passes in two subjects at Advanced Level, supported by passes in three other subjects at GCSE; who has successfully completed a programme of study assessed at not less than 360 credits at FHEQ level 4 or above including 210 at FHEQ level 5 or above and 120 at FHEQ level 6 or above.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BSc) Honours degree programmes will lead either to the qualification of a BA or BSc or to a more closely defined qualification restricted to programmes of certain types of study.

The title of Bachelor of Arts is traditionally used in art and design, the arts and humanities, combined studies in the arts and social studies, and in areas of social or business studies where it is appropriate.

The title of Bachelor of Science is traditionally used where studies are substantially based on one or more scientific or mathematical disciplines and their applications.

Programmes of study leading to the qualification of a BA or BSc will normally have a title which gives a more specific indication of subjects studied.

Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) The title of Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) is traditionally used for programmes substantially based on study of the development and application of engineering theories and principles in one or more areas of engineering practice.

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) The title LLB is reserved for specialised programmes of study in law.

Bachelor of Music (BMus) This title is reserved for specialised programmes of the study of Music at honours level and is equivalent to a standard Bachelor's Degree with Honours. Students would be expected to have prior knowledge and skills equivalent to passes in two subjects at Advanced Level, supported by passes in three other subjects at GCSE. In order to graduate with this qualification, students would need to successfully complete a programme of study assessed at not less than 360 credits at Level 1 or above, including 210 at FHEQ level 5 or above and 120 at FHEQ level 6 or above.

Bachelor of Osteopathy (B.Ost) The title B.Ost is reserved for professional specialised programmes of study in Osteopathy at honour's level and is equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree with Honours. The qualification requires 405 credits, including 210 credits at FHEQ level 5 and above, with at least 120 at FHEQ level 6.

Bachelor of Theology (BTh) The title BTh is reserved for specialised programmes of study in Theology.

D FHEQ level 7

Master of Engineering (MEng)

The title of MEng denotes an integrated Masters programme of study comprising an extended and enhanced Undergraduate course of four years full-time study in an engineering discipline which matches the minimum educational requirements to become a Chartered Engineer. The programme of study is both broader and deeper than a corresponding BEng Hons programme.

Master of Osteopathy (MOst)

The title MOst is reserved for professional specialised programmes of study in Osteopathy as an integrated Master's programme. The qualification requires 480 credits, including 240 credits at FHEQ level 6 and above, with at least 60 at FHEQ level 7.

Master of Complementary Medicine (MCM) This title is reserved for an undergraduate programme of study which leads to a postgraduate qualification in the field of complementary medicine. The programme is structured over 4 years full-time or 6 years part-time to achieve 480 credits which includes a 60 credit dissertation at level 7.

Master in Science (MSci) MSci is a generic integrated Masters qualification. It comprises an extended and enhanced undergraduate course, of four years of full-time study, or equivalent. The qualification requires 480 credits, including 240 credits at level 6 or above, with at least 120 credits at level 7. Thus study at Bachelor's level is integrated with study at Master's level and the programmes are designed to meet the level 6 and level 7 qualification descriptors in full.

Master of Mathematics (MMath) The title of MMath denotes an integrated Masters programme of study comprising an enhanced undergraduate course of four years full-time study in

mathematics. The programme of study is founded upon and extends knowledge attained in the corresponding BSc Hons programme.

Master of Nursing (MNursing) The title MNursing is reserved for professional specialised programmes of study in Nursing as an Integrated Master's programme. The qualification requires 480 credits, including 240 credits at FHEQ level 6 and above, with at least 120 credits at Master's level/one full academic year at level 7.

Honours degree as exit award from the Integrated Masters programme

An integrated Masters programme may specify an Honours degree qualification which may be issued following failure to complete the Integrated Masters qualification. The Honours degree must have a title, and have its own programme specification, and conform to the description under section J8 C above.

J9 Professional qualifications

A FHEQ level 4

Certificate in Education (Further Education) The standard of the Certificate in Education is that expected of a student with prior knowledge and skills equivalent to passes in two subjects at Advanced level, supported by passes in three other subjects at GCSE; who has successfully completed study of the theory and practice of teaching assessed at not less than 120 credits at FHEQ level 4; and who has demonstrated practical competence in teaching on a programme of study. For students intending to teach in schools, the GCSE passes held on entry must include English language and mathematics or equivalent.

B FHEQ level 5

Diploma (Advanced) is reserved for Department of Health funded programmes in Nursing and Midwifery which lead to both a professional and an academic award as a Registered Nurse or Midwife. The qualification is awarded to students who have completed as appropriate programme of study in Nursing or Midwifery assessed at not less than 300 credits at FHEQ level 4 or above, 180 of which must be at FHEQ level 5 or above and 60 must be at FHEQ level 6.

C FHEQ level 6

Diploma in Professional Studies (DPS) The title Diploma in Professional Studies is reserved for programmes of study related to specific professions and designed to build on professional qualifications or registration together with professional experience.

The standard of the Diploma in Professional Studies is that expected of a person with a relevant professional qualification and a specified period of professional experience who has successfully completed a programme of professional study at Honours degree level, assessed at 120 credits at FHEQ level 6 or above.

The regulations for the programme of study must indicate whether the programme is at second or third year Honours degree level. These regulations must also take account of the requirements of the respective professional bodies with regard to minimum entry requirements and the duration of the programme. The specific title of the diploma shall indicate the profession to which it relates.

Graduate Diploma The standard of the Graduate Diploma is that expected of a student with prior knowledge and skills equivalent to an honours degree or Diploma of Higher Education, with substantial work experience who has successfully completed a programme of study assessed at not less than 120 credits at FHEQ level 6.

Graduate Diploma in Law (Common Professional Examination) Entry is open to graduates whose degrees do not qualify as law degrees and to such other persons as may be accepted as eligible by the Common Professional Examination Board. The aim of the Common Professional Examination is to ensure that students have studied the six core legal subjects in sufficient depth to enable them to proceed to the vocational stage of legal education. It is assessed at 180 credits at FHEQ level 4 or above including 80 credits at FHEQ level 5 or above, 70 at FHEQ level 6 or above and 20 at FHEQ level 7.

J10 Taught postgraduate qualifications**A FHEQ level 7**

Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) The standard of the PGCE is that expected of a graduate who has successfully completed the study of the theory and practice of teaching and who has demonstrated practical competence in teaching, assessed at 120 credits including at least 40 at FHEQ level 7.

Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) The standard of the postgraduate certificate is that expected of a graduate who has successfully completed a programme of study at a level demanding more advanced study than a first degree, assessed at 60 credits including at least 45 at FHEQ level 7.

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCertHE) The standard of the PGCertHE is that expected of a graduate who has successfully completed the study of learning and teaching in higher education, including curriculum innovation and evaluation of current teaching responsibilities. It is a professional development provision for, and limited to Middlesex University staff involved in teaching and the support of student learning. The qualification requires 60 credits at FHEQ level 7.

Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) The standard of the Postgraduate Diploma is that expected of a graduate who has successfully completed study in a field for which prior knowledge and skill have provided an appropriate foundation, at a level demanding more advanced and intensive study than a first degree, to be assessed at not less than 120 credits, including at least 90 at FHEQ level 7.

Diploma in Management Studies (DMS) The Diploma in Management Studies is a post-experience qualification, designed to meet the needs of those individuals who wish to achieve a range of general management knowledge, skills and competencies. Entrants would normally be expected to have at least two years of professional or administrative experience.

J11 Taught Master's degrees

Master of Arts (MA) and Master of Science (MSc) Programmes of study at Master's level may lead either to the MA or MSc, or to a more closely defined qualification restricted to certain specific areas of study. The title of Master of Arts (MA) is generally used in art and design, the arts and humanities and in other areas of study where a more specialised title is not appropriate. The title Master of Science (MSc) is generally used where studies are substantially based on science or mathematics and their applications. Programmes of study leading to the MA or MSc will normally have a title which gives a more specific indication of the subject(s) studied. The qualification requires 180 credits at FHEQ level 6 or above, including at least 150 at FHEQ level 7 or above, including a 60 credit dissertation/project. Exceptionally, where the dissertation /project is not 60 credits, this should be stated in the programme specification.

Master of Business Administration (MBA) programmes of study which focus on training in research methods and practice used in the discipline of business studies or management. The MBA is a qualification in its own right but also constitutes Part 1 of the DBA (see J13).

Master of Design (MDes) The title MDes is reserved for programmes of study in all disciplines which focus on training in methods and practice of research and on the development of management level skills in design leadership and practice. It is assessed at 180 credits at FHEQ level 7 and consists of both taught modules and a dissertation. The title of MDes is recognised as a management level qualification in the design professions and as an indicator that the holder has the skills to productively engage in strategic decision making and innovation processes.

It was chosen for the MDes Product Design, Innovation and Management as it accurately reflects the curriculum and distinguishes it from more general MA programmes that focus on the development of purely discipline related practice

Master of Education (MEd) The title MEd is reserved for programmes of study focused on education and professional practice in teaching. Entry requirements are a BEd Honours degree or equivalent qualification. Other qualifications which may be deemed acceptable include:

An Honours degree together with a PGCE or CertEd; or an appropriate DPSE; or a BEd Degree

gained in circumstances where the award of Honours was not available; or the Licentiatehip of the College of Preceptors; or the achievement at a sufficiently high level of the Diploma in Advanced Studies in Education of the College of Preceptors in a field cognate with that of the programme of study to which admission is sought. All entrants should have appropriate professional experience either prior or concurrent.

Master of Fine Arts (MFA) The title MFA is reserved for a programme of study in the area of fine arts. The structure is that of an initial programme of 180 credits including a dissertation at FHEQ level 7 leading to the qualification of an MA followed by an additional 60 credits at FHEQ level 7. Up to 50 per cent of the MA/MFA programme may be taken at designated overseas partner institutions.

Master of Music (MMus) This title is reserved for specialised programmes of the study of Music at Master's level and is equivalent to a standard Master of Arts or Master of Science degree. The qualification requires 180 credits at FHEQ level 6 or above, including at least 150 at FHEQ level 7 or above, including a 60 credit dissertation/project.

Master of Laws (LLM) The title LLM is reserved for programmes of study at Masters level in law.

Master of Research (MRes) The title of MRes is reserved for programmes of study in all disciplines which focus on training in methods and practice of research. The dissertation carries 100 credits.

J12 Higher qualifications in Work Based Learning

FHEQ level 7

Master of Professional Studies (MProf) The standard of the MProf is that expected of a candidate who has undertaken a major project relating to organisational change and/or professional development. The candidate must have demonstrated, individually or collaboratively, advanced research capability and project management applicable to the professional area of study and to have produced and presented orally a report to the satisfaction of the assessors. The qualification requires 180 credits at FHEQ level 7 or above**. The minimum period of registration on a full-time basis is 18 months (where full accreditation has been awarded).

FHEQ level 8

Doctor of Professional Studies (DProf) (Doctoral level) The standard of the DProf is that expected of a candidate who has engaged in advanced learning from taught and project sources which achieves major organisational change and/or excellence in professional practice resulting in original work worthy of publication in complete and abridged form. The candidate must have shown evidence of ability to undertake self-managed and/ or collaborative research and project development and have produced and defended orally the product of the study to the satisfaction of the assessors. The qualification requires 540 credits at FHEQ level 7 and above of which a minimum of 360 credits must be at FHEQ level 8**. The minimum period of registration on a full-time basis is 24 months (where full accreditation has been awarded). The DProf may also be awarded on the basis of public works.

Doctor of Psychotherapy by Professional Studies (DPsych) including special validated pathways (eg DPsych Existential Counselling and Psychotherapy) The standard of the DPsych is that expected of a candidate who has engaged in advanced learning from taught and project sources which achieves major organisational change and/or excellence in professional practice resulting in original work worthy of publication in complete and abridged form. The candidate must have shown evidence of ability to undertake self-managed and/or collaborative research and project development and have produced and defended orally the product of the study to the satisfaction of the assessors. The qualification requires 540 credits at FHEQ level 7 and above of which a minimum of 360 credits must be at FHEQ level 8**. The minimum period of registration on a full-time basis is 24 months (where full accreditation has been awarded). The DPsych may also be awarded on the basis of public works.

** Applies to new entrants from January 2003

Doctor of Counselling Psychology and Psychotherapy by Professional Studies (DCPsych)

The standard of the DPsych is that expected of a candidate who has engaged in advanced learning from taught and project sources which achieves major organisational change and/or excellence in professional practice resulting in original work worthy of publication in complete and abridged form. The candidate must have shown evidence of ability to undertake self- managed and/or collaborative research and project development and have produced and defended orally the product of the study to the satisfaction of the assessors. The qualification requires 540 credits at FHEQ level 7 and above of which a minimum of 360 credits must be at FHEQ level 8. The minimum period of registration on a full-time basis is 24 months (where full accreditation has been awarded).

J13 Research and higher qualifications**FHEQ level 7**

Master in Arts (ArtsM) 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.

Master of Theology (MTh) The title MTh is reserved for specialist research programmes in Theology and is equivalent to MA by Research.

Master in Theology (MTheol) The title MTheol is reserved for programmes of study in Theology as an integrated Master's programme. The qualification requires 480 credits, including 120 credits at FHEQ level 6 and 120 credits at FHEQ level 7.

Master of Arts (MA) and Master of Science (MSc) by Research 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 dissertation title, and presented the material with clarity. The candidate must have demonstrated competence in the relevant methods of research, and presented and defended a dissertation by oral examination to the satisfaction of the examiners.

Master of Philosophy (MPhil) 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. Information regarding the normal periods of study for an MPhil are available from Academic Registry Research Student Support Team.

FHEQ level 8

Doctor in Arts (ArtsD) 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.

Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) The standard of the DBA is that expected of a candidate who has investigated critically and evaluated an approved topic in business studies or management resulting in an original contribution to theory and practice. The research should be worthy of publication in complete or abridged form in appropriate academic and professional journals. 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. Information regarding the normal periods of study is available from Academic Registry Research Student Support Team

Doctor of Education (EdD) 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 examiners, using FHEQ level 8 assessment criteria. The qualification requires 360 credits to be gained through the Doctor of Education modular programme at this level. The minimum period for registration on a full time basis is 24 months, or 36 months part-time.

Doctor of Engineering (EngD) 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.

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 study to the satisfaction of the examiners, and presented the research to an invited audience representing interests internal and external to the University.

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.

A programme of assessed coursework is mandatory, the project must involve close industrial collaboration, and the student will be assessed partly on his/her ability to manage the project and collaborate with other workers in so doing.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) 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. The PhD may also be awarded on the basis of public works. Information regarding the normal periods of study for a PhD are available from Academic Registry Research Student Support Team

J14 FHEQ level 8 (Higher doctorates)

Doctor of Laws (LLD)

Doctor of Letters (DLitt)

Doctor of Science (DSc)

Doctor of Technology (DTech)

The standard of higher doctorate qualifications is that expected of an applicant who is a holder of at least seven years' standing of a first degree or a holder of at least four years' standing of a higher degree, who is a leading authority in the field of study concerned and has made an original and significant contribution to the advancement or application of knowledge in that field. (Full details of requirements for the qualification of higher doctorates are available from the Research and Business Office).

J15 Honorary awards

Honorary awards are made to those who have achieved regional or national eminence and who have a connection with the University. Honorary graduates may use the approved designatory letters after their names. Recipients of an honorary doctorate may not adopt the prefix "Dr."

Full details of the award of Honorary degrees are available from the Academic Registrar.

See also:

- Research Degree regulations - available from the Academic Registry
- MProf/DProf regulations - available from the Academic Registry.