

Ordinances and Regulations: Professional and Engineering Doctorate Degrees

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A. ORDINANCES

1. The University may award the following Professional and Engineering Doctorates in accordance with the Regulations:
 - a. Doctor of Clinical Psychology (ClinPsyD)
 - b. Doctor of Counselling (DCouns)
 - c. Doctor in Education (EdD)
 - d. Doctor of Educational Psychology (DEdPsy)
 - e. Doctor in Educational and Child Psychology (DEdChPsy)
 - f. Doctor of Engineering (EngD)
 - g. Doctor of Practical Theology (DPT)

2. A Professional or Engineering Doctorate is awarded by the University in recognition of the successful completion of a period of advanced study and research, the results of which show convincing evidence of the capacity of the candidate to pursue research and scholarship and make an original contribution and substantial addition to knowledge. Such degrees are equivalent to the intellectual challenge of a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree but are enhanced by additional taught material in professional and technical areas, designed to meet the specific needs of a professional group external to the University, and develop the capability of individuals to work within a professional context.

3. The mode of admission to the degree and other conditions relating to the degree shall be prescribed in Regulations.

4. Applicants for admission to the degree must hold the qualification(s) prescribed by the Regulations and must satisfy the University that they are fit by reason of their ability and training to undertake the degree-

5. Except in so far as relaxation is granted in accordance with the Regulations:
 - a. for full-time study the degree shall be a continuous one, extending over such period as may be prescribed by the Regulations; and students will be required to devote their whole time to the degree and to attend in the University at all appropriate times;
 - b. for part-time study the degree shall be continuous and include study time equivalent to a full-time degree but should not exceed twice the full-time study. The students shall be required to attend the University at all appropriate times.

B. REGULATIONS

1. Admission to the Degree

- a. Applicants for Professional or Engineering Doctorates must demonstrate that they have reached the minimum acceptable level of proficiency in use of the English language according to the published requirements of the degree.
- b. Applicants may be admitted as a part-time student for a Professional or Engineering Doctorate degree (except for the Doctor of Engineering) if:
 - i. the periods for which they will be free from employment or other commitments will be sufficient for the purposes of the degree;

and

 - ii. the subject is suitable for part-time study.
- c. Applicants may be admitted to a Professional or Engineering Doctorate degree only if an appropriate research environment is available for the duration of the degree. This should include the availability of appropriate academic staff to provide supervision and training, other research-support staff, research facilities and learning resources.
- d. The following additional criteria governing admission of applicants apply to individual Professional or Engineering Doctorates:

- i. Doctor of Clinical Psychology (ClinPsyD)*

Applicants shall normally have:

- A.** a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with first or upper second class honours or an equivalent qualification or qualifications granted by an educational institution of University rank;
 - B.** eligibility for graduate membership of the British Psychological Society.

- ii. Doctor of Counselling (DCouns)*

Applicants shall normally have:

- A.** a Masters degree in Counselling Studies or a relevant subject (e.g. education, psychology, sociology, nursing and health studies, etc) or a professional qualification deemed to be at Masters level or above in a relevant subject. This provision is made primarily for applicants with medical qualifications, or qualifications allied to medicine;
 - B.** a substantial qualification in counselling; this being either a qualification from a course that is accredited by one of the major professional bodies (BACP, BPS or an institution in membership with UKCP) or a qualification, or collection of qualifications, which by virtue of which individual accreditation by one of the major professional bodies has been, or may reasonably be expected to be, achieved upon application;

- C.** at least three years experience of working within a counselling context under supervision.

iii. *Doctor of Education (EdD)*

Applicants shall normally have:

- A.** a Masters degree in Education or a qualification or qualifications, granted by an educational institution of University rank, comparable with a masters degree in Education or a related discipline;
- B.** no less than two years senior professional experience of working in an education context.

iv. *Doctor of Educational Psychology (DEdPsy)*

Applicants shall normally have:

- A.** a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with first or upper second class honours or an equivalent qualification or qualifications granted by an educational institution of University rank;
- B.** eligibility for graduate membership of the British Psychological Society;
- C.** no less than two years' professional experience of working with children, normally as a qualified teacher.

v. *Doctor in Educational and Child Psychology (DEdChPsy)*

Applicants shall normally have:

- A.** a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with first or upper second class honours or an equivalent qualification or qualifications granted by an educational institution of University rank;
- B.** eligibility for graduate membership of the British Psychological Society;
- C.** no less than one year professional experience of working with children.

vi. *Doctor of Engineering (EngD)*

Applicants shall normally have:

- A.** a Bachelor's degree with first or upper second class honours or an equivalent qualification or qualifications granted by an educational institution of University rank;

or

- B.** a comparable qualification granted by a professional or other body in the United Kingdom, together with qualifications sufficient to satisfy

the University's general educational requirements for entry on a programme for a degree higher than that of Bachelor.

vii. *Doctor of Practical Theology (DPT)*

Applicants shall normally have:

A. A Masters degree in theology or related subject;

or

B. A Bachelor's degree with first or upper second class honours or an equivalent qualification or qualifications granted by an educational institution of University rank in addition to appropriate professional accreditation or experience.

2. Conditions of Admission

a. Conditions will be prescribed for each student admitted to a Professional or Engineering Doctorate requiring attendance and satisfactory completion of specified taught degree elements.

b. The following supervisory teams will be appointed:

i. *Doctor of Counselling, Doctor in Education*

Academic supervisor(s)

ii. *Doctor of Clinical Psychology*

Academic supervisor(s) and experienced clinical psychologist(s)

iii. *Doctor of Educational Psychology, Doctor in Educational and Child Psychology*

Academic supervisor(s) and experienced educational psychologist(s)

iv. *Doctor of Engineering*

Academic supervisor(s) and industrial adviser(s)

v. *Doctor of Practical Theology (DPT)*

Research Panel as prescribed by the School of Arts, Histories and Cultures

3. Duration of the Degree

a. Candidates for a Professional or Engineering Doctorate degree shall normally be registered for a continuous period of not less than 3 years and no more than 4 years full-time study.

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- b. The duration of a part-time Professional Doctorate degree will be dependent upon the time to be committed by the candidate for study but shall normally be no more than 6 years. The Doctor of Engineering degree is available on a full-time basis only.
- c. Candidates shall be expected to submit their thesis upon completion of the Professional or Engineering Doctorate degree unless they have received prior approval from the University for an extension to their thesis submission deadline (see section 4).
- d. Extensions to the duration of a Professional or Engineering Doctorate degree to permit further supervised research may be considered only in exceptional circumstances.

4. Submission Pending Period

- a. Candidates registered on Professional or Engineering Doctorate degree may register for the submission pending period at the discretion of the University to allow additional time for preparation of the thesis for up to one year beyond the completion date of the Professional or Engineering Doctorate degree. Candidates are advised to check any conditions imposed by the relevant faculty on extensions to the degree on which they are registered and of any restrictions applied by funding bodies.
- b. A fee will be payable for any such submission pending registration that is granted by the University.
- c. Extensions to the submission pending period may be sought only in exceptional circumstances.

5. Skills Development

- a. A programme of skills training and development is a mandatory component of Professional or Engineering Doctorate degrees.
- b. All candidates for a Professional or Engineering Doctorate must undertake a skills audit at the beginning of their degree, and annually thereafter throughout their degree to determine their research, transferable and generic skills requirements. The audit will provide the basis for a planned programme of skills training and development. The outcomes of the audit and programme of skills development must be agreed by the student and the supervisory team. The supervisory team will be responsible for ensuring that the student has access to the required skills training and development opportunities.

6. Progression

- a. All candidates shall be required by the end of each year of the degree to show evidence of satisfactory progress and an ability to proceed with the course.
- b. Evidence of satisfactory progress is provided:

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- i. In research, by the submission of a substantial progress report which will be discussed at a formal progress meeting with the supervisory team and an independent assessor;
 - ii. In the prescribed taught elements of the degree, by satisfactory attendance and examination performance;
 - iii. By the provision of satisfactory professional reports (including case reports) as required by the degree;
 - iv. By successful completion of the agreed programme of skills development and training.
- c. Students who do not provide evidence of satisfactory progress will not be approved to continue as a candidate for the Professional or Engineering Doctorate but may be judged to have fulfilled the attendance and performance requirements required for the award of an alternative degree.
- d. All candidates for Professional or Engineering Doctorates shall maintain a record of their progression and personal development throughout their degree.

7. Study away from the University

- a. A student may be permitted to devote part of the Professional or Engineering Doctorate degree to study and research outside the University (in addition to fieldwork or short laboratory visits) if:
 - i. it is in the interests of the student's research and training;
 - ii. the institution or location of proposed study is suitable;
 - iii. a suitable work-plan for the period of study outside the University is agreed with the supervisory team;
 - iv. satisfactory supervision arrangements are in place;
 - v. it will not restrict freedom of publication of results.
- b. In particular, the following degree-specific regulations apply:
 - i. *Doctor of Clinical Psychology*

The student will be required to spend an appropriate period conducting clinical practice within approved NHS establishments.
 - ii. *Doctor in Educational and Child Psychology*

The student will be required to spend an appropriate period working as an educational psychologist within an approved educational psychology service.
 - iii. *Doctor of Engineering*

The student will be required to spend an appropriate period interacting with the company or other body associated with the study. Permission

from the University must be obtained if this period is to exceed one half of the degree.

iv. Doctor of Practical Theology

The student will be required to spend an appropriate period in a professional or other practical context associated with their research.

8. Change of Institution during the Degree

- a. Students who start a Professional or Engineering Doctorate at the University of Manchester may complete their degree at another academic institution, subject to agreement of the student, supervisory team and the two institutions involved. A University of Manchester qualification may only be awarded where at least 50% of the degree has been completed at the University of Manchester.
- b. Students who start a Professional or Engineering Doctorate at another institution may complete their degree at the University of Manchester, subject to agreement of the student, supervisory team and between the two institutions. A University of Manchester qualification may only be awarded where at least 50% of the degree has been completed at the University of Manchester.
- c. In each of the above cases the final decision for a transfer of registration lies with the Universities.

9. Interruption of the Degree

- a. A student may be granted a temporary interruption of their Professional or Engineering Doctorate for approved reasons at the discretion of the University where the continuation of study, research or thesis preparation is not possible. An application should be made before the beginning of the proposed period of interruption with the support of the supervisory team. Retrospective applications will not normally be considered.
- b. Where appropriate, students and the supervisory team should seek the advice of relevant sponsors before applying for an interruption and should in all cases seek permission as soon as the requirement for the interruption becomes apparent.

10. Changes to the Nature of the Degree

- a. Permission for significant changes to the nature of the research to be undertaken must be sought by the supervisory team with the agreement of the student. Where appropriate, students and supervisors should seek the advice of relevant sponsoring body before making such changes.

11. Thesis Submission

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- a. Notice to submit a Professional or Engineering Doctorate thesis shall be made on the prescribed form not less than six weeks and not more than six months before submission.
- b. If a thesis is not submitted before the end of the degree or submission pending period, the student's candidacy automatically lapses and the student cannot subsequently submit, unless further approval is granted by the University.
- c. If a student wishes to submit a thesis more than 3 months before the end of their Professional or Engineering Doctorate degree (or 6 months if part-time) they will require the permission of the supervisory team and the University. Permission will only be granted up to one year before the end of the Professional or Engineering degree for full time students, and 2 years before the end of the Professional or Engineering degree for part time students.

12. Registration and Fees

- a. Subject to individual degree requirements, a student can register for a Professional or Engineering Doctorate in September, January, April, or July and must re-register at the same time annually unless a change to this conventional pattern results from an approved period of interruption. Appropriate fees are payable annually during the duration of the degree and for any period of submission pending registration

13. Content and Length of Thesis

- a. Candidates shall submit two copies of a thesis embodying the results of the research undertaken during the degree. The thesis may embody reprints of published material, must be free from restrictions on publication, and must be presented and bound in a satisfactory manner. The University shall have the right to retain both copies.
- b. Matter which has been included in a thesis or report submitted in support of a successful application for a degree or qualification of any university or professional or learned body must not be embodied in the thesis submitted for the degree, except that such matter:
 - i. If unpublished, may be reported in sufficient detail to enable the work done during and for the purpose of the degree to be fairly evaluated;
 - or*
 - ii. If published, may be mentioned for purposes of reference in the same way as publications by other workers.

In either case the fact of the previous submission of such matter must be made clear at all relevant points in the thesis.

- c. Work to be embodied in the thesis should be reported concisely. The normal maximum length is 50,000 words (EdD, DEdPsy, DCouns, ClinPsyD, DEdChPsy, DPT) or 80,000 words (EngD) of main text (including footnotes or endnotes).
- d. All theses must be written in English; quotations, however, may be given in the language in which they were written.

- e. All theses should be submitted in accordance with the information set out in the University's Guidance for the Presentation of Theses.

14. Examination

- a. The candidate shall be required to attend an oral examination on the subject of the thesis and matters relevant thereto. The candidate may also be required by the examiners to undergo a written or other examination. The oral examination shall be attended by the candidate and the examiners. The examiners may, at their discretion and subject to the agreement of the candidate, invite the candidate's supervisors to attend an oral examination as silent observers and to answer questions put directly to them. If requested in writing by the candidate, an open invitation shall also be issued for the attendance of additional appropriate members of the University, for example, teaching staff and other postgraduate students. If such an invitation is issued, all attendees shall be required to give a prior undertaking in writing to maintain confidentiality in respect of the subject matter of the thesis, and in relation to any matters relevant thereto which may arise during the course of the examination.
- b. Each candidate shall be examined by two or more examiners of whom at least one shall be an external examiner. The appointment of examiners shall proceed in accordance with the policy set out in the University's Guidance for the Examiners of Research Degree Theses (excluding MPhil)
- c. After examining the thesis presented by a candidate and considering the results of any oral or written examination which they have conducted, the examiners, at their discretion, shall make one of the following recommendations:
 - i. That the candidate be awarded the Professional or Engineering Doctorate with no corrections to the thesis being required.
 - ii. That the candidate be awarded the Professional or Engineering Doctorate subject to minor corrections being made to the thesis.
 - iii. That the candidate be invited to revise and resubmit the thesis for the Professional or Engineering Doctorate. A candidate will be permitted to resubmit on only one occasion. A fresh examination of the thesis, normally by the original examiners, is required and may include further oral examination.
 - iv. That the candidate be awarded the degree of MPhil;
 - v. That the candidate be awarded the degree of MPhil subject to minor corrections being made to the thesis.
 - vi. That the candidate be invited to revise and resubmit the thesis for the degree of MPhil. A candidate will be permitted to resubmit on only one occasion. A fresh examination of thesis, normally by the original examiners, is required and may include further oral examination.
 - vii. That no award be made to the candidate and no resubmission be permitted.