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Regulations for Postgraduate Research Degrees

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Synopsis

This paper sets out proposed revisions to regulations for Postgraduate Research Degrees. There are currently six sets of regulations for Postgraduate Research degrees:

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)
Doctor of Medicine (MD)
Doctor of Surgery (ChM)
Professional and Engineering Doctorate Degrees
Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

The revisions to the regulations proposed here have been subject to consultation involving the Associate Deans for Graduate Education and Faculty Graduate Administrators who in turn have consulted with School representatives. All revisions proposed here have been approved by the Graduate Education Group.

The current regulations for postgraduate research degrees can be viewed on the University website at <http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/staffnet/policies/>.

RECOMMENDATION

Senate is invited to approve the revisions to Regulations for research degrees.

Effective Date of Introduction

7th February 2007

Revisions to multiple regulations

1. Change all occurrences of the term 'programme' to 'degree'
2. Change any reference to 'extension' or 'approved extension' to 'submission pending' in line with the new examinations policy
3. Applies to PhD 2a; DBA, Professional and Engineering Doctorates 3a.
DELETE:
"In exceptional circumstances, approval may also be given for the minimum duration of the PhD programme to be reduced by up to one year."
4. Applies to PhD ChM, MD, MPhil, 3a-3c; Professional and Engineering Doctorates, DBA 4a-4c.

CHANGE FROM:

a. "Extensions of the thesis submission deadline may be granted to allow additional time for preparation of the thesis.

b. Candidates shall normally be granted extension(s) of their thesis submission deadline for up to one year beyond the completion date of the PhD programme. A fee will be payable for any such additional extension that is granted by the University.

c. Further periods of extension of the thesis submission deadline may be sought only in exceptional circumstances. A fee will be payable for each period of extension that is granted by the University."

TO:

"a. Candidates registered on a PhD 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 PhD degree.

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. Applies to PhD, 3a; Professional and Engineering Doctorates, DBA 4a.

ADD

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

6. Applies to PhD, ChM, MD, 10a; MPhil 9a; DBA, Professional and Engineering Doctorates 11a

CHANGE FROM: Two months

TO

six weeks

7. Applies to PhD, ChM, MD 10c; DBA, Professional and Engineering Doctorates 11c.

INSERT:

"Permission will only be granted up to one year before the end of the PhD degree for full time students, and 2 years before the end of the PhD degree for part time students."

8. Applies to MPhil 11e, ChM, PhD, MD 12e; DBA, Professional and Engineering Doctorates 13e

CHANGE FROM:

Guidance Notes for the Presentation of Theses

To

Guidance for the Presentation of Theses

9. Applies to ChM, PhD, MD 13b; DBA, Professional and Engineering Doctorates 14b

CHANGE FROM:

Notes for the Guidance of Examiners

TO

Revisions to PhD regulations only

10. Applies to PhD 10d
CHANGE: Faculty Graduate Office
TO
appropriate Graduate Office
11. Applies to PhD (10d and 12e)
CHANGE FROM:
Guidance Notes for the Presentation of Theses in an Alternative Format
TO
Guidance for the Presentation of Theses

Revisions to MPhil regulations only

12. Applies to MPhil 12a
CHANGE FROM:
"The candidate shall be required to attend an oral examination on the subject of the thesis and matters relevant thereto unless both internal and external examiners agree to dispense with it"
TO
"At the examiners' discretion, the candidate may be required to attend an oral examination for the degree of MPhil"
13. Applies to MPhil 12b
CHANGE FROM:
Notes for the Guidance of Examiners
TO
Guidance for the Examiners of MPhil Degree Theses

Revisions to Professional and Engineering Doctorate regulations only

14. Applies to Professional and Engineering Doctorate regulations throughout
CHANGE FROM:
Doctor of Applied Educational Psychology (DAppEdPsy)
TO
Doctor in Educational and Child Psychology (DEdChPsy)
15. Applies to Professional and Engineering Doctorates, Ordinance 1
ADD
Doctor of Practical Theology (DPT)
16. Applies to Professional and Engineering Doctorates, 1d(vii)
ADD
Doctor of Practical Theology (DPT)
Applicants should 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

17. Applies to Professional and Engineering Doctorates, 2b(v)
ADD
(v) Doctor of Practical Theology (DPT)
Research Panel prescribed by the School of Arts, Histories and Cultures
18. Applies to Professional and Engineering Doctorates, 3b
DELETE: "or engineering"
19. Applies to Professional and Engineering Doctorates, 7b(iv)
ADD
(iv) Doctor of Practical Theology (DPT)
The student will be required to spend an appropriate period in a professional or other practical context associated with their research
20. Applies to Professional and Engineering Doctorates, 13c
ADD
DPT to the list of degree titles

Revisions to DBA regulations only

21. Applies to DBA throughout
Abbreviate Doctor of Business Administration to DBA throughout the regulations in line with all other research degree regulations