

XII. Specific Progress Regulations for Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated)

These regulations should be read in conjunction with the:

- [Doctor of Philosophy Progress Regulations](#)
- Any [programme specific regulations](#), which have been approved by the University Education Committee (UEC).
- *Code of Practice for Research Degree Programmes approved by Senate, which is reviewed annually and made available each academic year and included in the Handbook for Research Students and Supervisors, both of which are available here:* <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/student-progress/pgr/publications/>

These regulations use Academic Unit, as an overarching term for School and Institute.

Where reference is made to any named University role, this also includes their nominees.

A. Introduction

1. Applicants for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated) are required to demonstrate:
 - a) 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;
 - b) 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;
 - c) the ability to conduct original investigations, to explore, evaluate and test their ideas, and those of others, and to relate them to a wider body of knowledge;
 - d) the general ability to conceptualise, design, implement and adjust a project for the generation of new knowledge, applications, or understanding at the forefront of the discipline. Where appropriate, also to demonstrate the ability to formulate and test hypotheses and to generate alternative explanations for the data available;
 - e) a detailed understanding of applicable techniques for research and advanced academic enquiry;
 - f) a range of advanced professional and key skills related to their likely employment context including the ability to communicate their ideas and conclusions clearly and effectively to specialist and non-specialist audiences.
2. The University [Handbook for Examiners of Research Degrees by Theses](#) provides further details in the section, 'Criteria for the Doctorate'.

3. Applicants, who are approved for admission as Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated) students, will be required to pay the fees for the degree as set out in the annual Fees Schedule (details are available [here](#)).

B. Period of Study and Registration Requirements

4. You may be approved by your Postgraduate Admissions Selectors in one of the following candidature categories:

- a) A student whose minimum period of candidature will normally be not less than four years of full-time study.
- b) A student who has already obtained a relevant masters or equivalent qualification can be considered during the admission process to be registered into year 2 of the programme. This means that a student will normally have a minimum period of candidature of not less than three years of full-time study.

5. If you wish to transfer from one of the categories of candidature specified in Regulation 4 to another such category, you may only do so with the approval of the appropriate Dean of Postgraduate Research and subject to the recommendation of your Supervisory Team and Head of Academic Unit.

6. In all cases of candidature approved under Regulation 4, you will be required to register continuously from commencement of your candidature until completion. During your registration you must abide by the requirements of the University's *General Regulations*. Your period of study will be reckoned from the date of first registration for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated).

C. Attendance and Progress

7. With respect to the taught elements of the degree, you will attend and complete the requirements of, and satisfy the examiners in, the prescribed assessments for the taught elements of the programme as set out in the relevant programme regulations for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated), including the generic and specific skills training elements.

8. Your progress will be reviewed no later than at the end of the first 12 months by the relevant Board of Examiners and Head of Academic Unit in order for a decision to be made as to whether or not you have demonstrated the potential to succeed on the full programme. Such a review will be carried out in accordance with procedures agreed for each programme.

9. If your progress is deemed to be unsatisfactory at any stage, the Board of Examiners or Annual Progress Review panel may recommend one or more of the following:

- a) where the relevant programme regulations for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated) allow re-examination in the taught elements of the programme, you will be re-examined in the failed modules in accordance with the programme regulations for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated);
- b) you will be required to produce additional work and/or to undergo further review after an additional period of study and research;

- c) you will be considered for the award of a Master's degree in accordance with Regulation 11;
 - d) you will not be permitted to continue on the Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated) programme following the board of examiners review in the first year of study, but be permitted to continue to work towards a Master's degree or be considered for an exit award, where named in the programme specific regulations;
 - e) Your candidature will be withdrawn, and you will be eligible for any appropriate exit award as named in the programme specific regulations.
10. With respect to the research elements of the degree, that is, in the second and subsequent years of registration, you will comply with the progression requirements as outlined in the [Doctor of Philosophy Progress Regulations: Section J Attendance and Progress](#).

D. Award of a Master's Degree

11. You may be considered for the award of a Master's degree if:
- a) you have not demonstrated the potential to succeed on the full Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated) programme;
 - b) you have chosen not to continue on the full Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated) programme at the end of 12 months; or
 - c) your progress is deemed unsatisfactory at subsequent stages.

In order to qualify for the award of a Master's degree, you must have demonstrated achievement of all the learning outcomes of your degree, which may include the submission of a dissertation. The appropriate Master's degree will be named in the programme specific regulations for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated).

12. A Master's degree may be awarded with Merit or Distinction subject to, and in accordance with, the regulations for the relevant Master's degree.

E. Assessment of the Taught Elements

- 13 The modes of assessment, pass marks and rules relating to reassessment for the taught elements of the degree will be as set out in the specific [programme regulations](#) for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated).

