



## 1 Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other Academic Awards

The degrees and other academic awards which may be awarded by the university are :

### Higher Doctorates

[Doctor of Education \(DEd\)](#)

[Doctor of Laws \(LLD\)](#)

[Doctor of Letters \(DLitt\)](#)

[Doctor of Science \(DSc\)](#)

[Doctor of Technology \(DTech\)](#)

### Research Degrees

[Doctor of Philosophy \(PhD\)](#)

[PhD by Concurrent Publication \(PhDCP\)](#)

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[Master in Science \(MSci\)](#)

**Master of Architecture**

[Master of Architecture](#)

**Bachelor Degrees**

[Bachelor of Arts \(BA\)](#)

[Bachelor of Arts and Sciences \(BASc\)](#)

[Bachelor of Engineering \(BEng\)](#)

[Bachelor of Laws \(LLB\)](#)

[Graduate Bachelor of Laws \(Grad LLB\)](#)

[Bachelor in Management \(BMgt\)](#)

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## 2 Definitions of Academic Awards

Minimum and maximum periods of registration for students are as defined in university regulations. Credits and levels of study are as defined in [university regulations](#).

### 2.1 Higher Doctorates

#### ***Higher Doctorates (DEd, LLD, DLitt, DSc, DTech)***

The award of Higher Doctorate is awarded to a candidate who is the holder of at least seven years standing of a first degree or holder of at least four years standing of a master's or higher degree, who is a leading authority in the field of study concerned and has made an original sustained and substantial contribution of high distinction to the advancement or application of knowledge in that field.

To be eligible to submit for a Higher Doctorate an applicant must be a graduate of the university, or a graduate or diplomate of the former Leicester Polytechnic or a member or former member of the academic staff of the university. Graduates of the university may submit seven years after having had conferred the degree of Bachelor, or four years after having had conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Academic staff must have been in post seven years.

### 2.2 Research Degrees

#### ***Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)***

The PhD is awarded to a candidate with an Honours degree or equivalent who has successfully completed, under such conditions as are prescribed by regulations, a supervised programme of individual research, the results of which have been satisfactorily embodied in a thesis (or other presentation as defined by the regulations) which demonstrates an understanding of research methods appropriate to the field of study, demonstrates critical investigation and evaluation of the topic of research, constitutes an independent and original contribution to knowledge and demonstrates the candidate's ability to undertake further work without supervision.

#### ***PhD by Concurrent Publication (PhDCP)***

The **PhDCP** is awarded to a candidate with an Honours degree or equivalent who has successfully completed, under such conditions as are prescribed by regulations, a supervised programme of individual research, the results of which have been satisfactorily embodied in a thesis (or other presentation as defined by the regulations) which demonstrates an understanding of research methods appropriate to the field of study, demonstrates critical investigation and evaluation of the topic of research, constitutes an independent and original contribution to knowledge and demonstrates the candidate's ability to undertake further work without supervision.

The award would be primarily concerned with individual forming a thesis which presents journal articles published, or in publishable form, written during the course of a supervised programme of research. The papers are submitted for examination together with a coherent critical narrative drawing together the content of the papers.

#### ***PhD by Published Works (PPW)***

The **PPW** is awarded to a candidate (who must be a member of staff) with an Honours degree or equivalent who has successfully completed, under such conditions as are prescribed by regulations, a supervised programme of individual research, the results of which have been embodied into a thesis (or other presentation as defined by the regulations) which demonstrates an understanding of research methods appropriate to the field of study, demonstrates critical investigation and evaluation of the topic of





### ***Postgraduate Certificate in Management Studies (CMS)***

The Postgraduate Certificate in Management Studies is a postgraduate certificate which is awarded to graduates (or equivalent) from a variety of disciplines.

### ***Professional Postgraduate Diploma in Housing***

The Professional Postgraduate Diploma in Housing is a postgraduate diploma for which the entrance qualification is a relevant first degree or equivalent qualification.

## **2.6 Integrated (undergraduate) Master's Degrees with Honours**

The Integrated Master's Degree with Honours is awarded to a student with prior knowledge and skills equivalent to passes in two subjects at A level supported by five other subjects at GCSE and who has successfully completed a programme of study including 120 credits at Master's level (level 7). An Integrated Master's programme requires 4800 learning hours and 480 credits as defined by university regulations.

The title ***Master of Accounting and Finance (MAccFin)*** is awarded to a student who has successfully completed such a programme of study in the field of accounting and finance.

The title ***Master of Business (MBus)*** is awarded to a student who has successfully completed such a programme of study in the field of business.

The title ***Master of Computing (MComp)*** is awarded to a student who has successfully completed such a programme of study in the field of computing.

The title ***Master of Design (MDes)*** is awarded to a student who has successfully completed such a programme of study in the field of design

The title ***Master of Engineering (MEng)*** is awarded to a student who has successfully completed such a programme of study in the field of engineering which meets the requirements of the Engineering Council.

The title ***Master of Pharmacy (MPharm)*** is used for programmes of study in pharmacy which meet the requirements of the General Pharmaceutical Council for such degrees.

The title ***Master of Physics (MPhys)*** is awarded to a student who has successfully completed such a programme of study in the field of physics.

The title ***Master***

The Bachelor's Degree with Honours is awarded to a student with prior knowledge and skills equivalent to passes in two subjects at Advanced level in the General Certificate of Education (GCE A level) and passes in three other subjects in the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) who has successfully completed a programme of study, requiring at least 1200 learning hours at each of degree levels 4,5 and 6 as defined in university regulations, has achieved at least 120 credits at each of these levels and who has demonstrated the capacity for sustained independent and high quality work.

***Non-Honours Bachelor's degree (BA, BEd, BEng, LLB, BSc)***

The Bachelor's Degree without Honours is awarded to a student with prior knowledge and skills equivalent to passes in two subjects at A level, supported by passes in three other subjects at GCSE, who has successfully completed a programme of study, including at least 1200 learning hours at degree levels 4 and 5 as defined in university regulations, achieving at least 120 credits at each level and at least 600 learning hours at degree level 6, achieving at least 60 credits at level 6, as defined in university regulations.

The title ***Bachelor of Arts (BA)*** is used in the arts and humanities, combined studies in



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***Bachelor of ...***

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The title ***Bachelor of ...*** is used for degrees which are based both within the arts and humanities, and science, mathematics, engineering and/or technology. To be used for dual degrees with Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation.

## **2.9 Foundation Degrees**

The Foundation Degree is awarded to a student with prior knowledge and skills equivalent to a pass in one subject at A level and passes in three other subjects at GCSE, who has successfully completed a programme of study, requiring at least 2400 learning hours and 240 credits at degree levels 4 and 5 as defined in university regulations.

The title ***Foundation Degree in Arts (FdA)*** is used in the arts and humanities, combined studies in the arts and social studies and in areas of social or business studies where appropriate.

The title ***Foundation Degree in Science (FdSc)*** is used for courses based on science or mathematics and their applications.

## **2.10 Undergraduate Diplomas**

***Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)***

The Diploma in Higher Education is awarded to a student with prior knowledge and skills equivalent to passes in two subjects at A level and passes in three other subjects at

***Advanced Diploma in Higher Education in Nursing/Midwifery with NMC Registration***

The Advanced Diploma is awarded to a student who has successfully completed 600 learning hours and 60 credits at level 6 in addition to meeting the requirements of a Diploma in Higher Education in Nursing/Midwifery with Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) registration recognised by the university for this purpose. The award is only available with NMC registration and therefore all professional and practice requirements of the NMC must be met.

***Professional Diploma in Housing ((Prof Dip)***

The Professional Diploma in Housing is awarded to a student with prior knowledge and skills equivalent to a Certificate in Higher Education who has successfully completed a programme of study involving a minimum of 1200 hours of learning and 120 credits. All 120 credits must be at level 5 as defined in the university regulations.

***University Diploma in Education and Training***

The University Diploma in Education and Training is awarded to a graduate who has successfully completed the study of theory and practice of teaching and who has demonstrated practical competence in teaching and has achieved 120 credits with a minimum of 90 credits at level 5 (um(e.9 (um(e.9 le6 (m)-)2 m)-)2-0.004 Tw 15i)2.6 (t4.2edi).5 Tw12.359







- 4.2** Deans or other authorised persons shall confirm to the Director of Student and Academic Services the eligibility status and the correctness of name of each candidate entered for assessment for an academic award.
- 4.3** Acting in accordance with approved procedures and terms of reference, it shall be the sole responsibility of assessment boards to make recommendations to the Academic Board in respect of the academic awards of the university to be conferred upon candidates who have successfully undertaken programmes for which the assessment board has approved authority.
- 4.4** The Academic Board delegates to the Vice-Chancellor or other ex-officio member of the Academic Board who may, for the time being, be Chair of the Academic Board, authority to receive recommendations for the conferment of academic awards from assessment boards and exercise the power of conferment upon the recommendations made.
- 4.5** Acting under delegated powers to confer academic awards, the Vice-Chancellor shall approve administrative arrangements for the execution of the powers of conferment of academic awards.

## **5 Revocation and Deprivation of Awards of De Montfort University Conferred on a Person(s)**

- 5.1** The Board of Governors shall hold and execute sole authority, as is provided for under the FE and HE Act 1992, to rescind and deprive a person(s) of awards of the university as may exceptionally on occasion be deemed necessary.
- 5.2** The circumstances which pertain which cause the Board of Governors to consider and act upon the provision of 5.1 above shall be a matter of considered judgement, but would normally be those relating to an act of deception or malpractice in the obtaining or use of an award conferred by the university, or by conduct of an award holder(s) which brings the institution into disrepute by virtue of that person holding an award(s) of the university.
- 5.3** Procedures for consideration of rescinding and deprivation of an award(s) conferred on a person(s) may be brought by the Academic Board to the Board of Governors by the Vice-Chancellor and also as may be necessary, directly by the Board of Governors itself. The decision to rescind and deprive a person(s) of an award(s) of the university shall be by two-thirds majority of a full meeting of the Board of Governors.

## **6 The Honorary Awards Ordinance**

The Board of Governors is responsible for the conferment of all honorary non-academic awards of the Companionship and the Fellowship and all honorary academic awards. The board shall delegate authority to the Academic Board for granting and conferring all honorary academic awards made to persons by the university, in accordance with approved regulations. There shall be an Ordinance of the Board of Governors on Honorary Awards which formalises the name and conditions under which the Honorary Awards may be made. There shall be regulations governing the procedure for the selection of persons to receive Honorary Awards.

## 6.1 The Honorary Awards Ordinance

In accordance with the university's Scheme of Delegation (items 4.4.5), the Board of Governors shall delegate authority to the Academic Board to grant honorary academic awards. Authority remains with the Board of Governors to grant honorary Companionships and Fellowships. The Board of Governors receives an annual report of all honorary awards conferred by the university.

6.2 A dedicated University Conferments Committee is responsible for considering nominations and making recommendations for academic and non-academic awards to the Academic Board and Board of Governors respectively.

6.3 Only the Vice-Chancellor has the authority to offer an honorary award to a nominee.

6.4 The university may confer the Honorary non-academic awards of the Companionship and the Fellowship, in addition to the following Honorary Academic Awards:

Doctor of Arts	(Hon DArt)
Doctor of Business Administration	(Hon DBA)
Doctor of Design	(Hon DDes)
Doctor of Education	(Hon DEd)
Doctor of Engineering	(Hon DEng)
Doctor of Laws	(Hon LLD)
Doctor of Letters	(Hon DLitt)
Doctor of Music	(Hon DMus)
Doctor of Science	(Hon DSc)
Doctor of Social Sciences	(Hon DSocSci)
Doctor of Sports	(Hon DSp)
Doctor of Technology	(Hon DTech)
Doctor of the University	(Hon DUniv)

6.5 The University Conferments Committee, in approving a nomination, would normally expect that the university either:

- already has a sustained relationship with the individual; or
- would benefit from developing or strengthening a sustained relationship through conferment of an honorary award.

6.6 An **Honorary Doctorate** shall be conferred on persons of the highest intellectual, cultural and/or professional distinction and for whom the award of such a degree would be a proper form of recognition by the university.

## 6.7 The Companionship

The Companionship shall be conferred on persons who have rendered important services to the benefit of education or the cultural or economic life of the nation and who reflect credit on the university by their association with the institution. In this respect, the Companionship is significantly different from the award of an Honorary Doctorate and is bestowed only rarely.

**6.8 The Honorary Fellowship**

The Honorary Fellowship shall be conferred on persons who have rendered important services to the university over a sustained period and have been a member of, or closely associated with, the university. Ex-members of DMU staff could fall into this category.

**6.9** The procedure and criteria for the selection of Honorary awards and recipients shall be described in regulations approved by the Board of Governors.



