

## 7 Threshold Qualification Requirements

### Regulations

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The Threshold Qualification Requirements describe the minimum academic standards expected of each programme of study leading to a UCL qualification. A programme may be approved with higher threshold standards, for example where a Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body requires it.

#### Definitions:

- **Years of FTE study** – the minimum length of time needed to complete the qualification if studied on a full-time basis (part-time modes of study are calculated pro-rata).
- **Level** – the academic level at which the qualification is awarded e.g. a BSc (Hons) is awarded at level 6.
- **FHEQ Credits** – the minimum number of credits needed to successfully complete the qualification, aligned to the UK Framework of Higher Education Qualifications.
- **Notional learning hours** – the hours of study typically required to complete the qualification, based on a ratio of 1 FHEQ credit to 10 notional learning hours.
- **ECTS credits** – the value of the UCL qualification when translated to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) (UCL credits are translated to ECTS at a ratio of 2:1).
- **Range of levels** – the academic levels included in the qualification e.g. a 3-year BSc includes levels 4, 5 and 6.
- **Standard credits per level** – the number of FHEQ credits typically studied at each academic level to achieve the qualification. The number of credits in each level may be adjusted within defined parameters to suit the needs of the individual programme/ field:
  - **Maximum credit taken at lowest level** – the greatest number of credits which may be taken at the lowest academic level e.g. a BSc typically includes 120 credits at level 4 but may include as many as 150 credits at level 4.
  - **Minimum credit taken at level of qualification** – the fewest number of credits which must be taken at the highest academic level e.g. a Postgraduate Diploma typically includes 120 credits at level 7 but may include as few as 90 credits at level 7.
- **Possible Interim Qualifications** – the range of interim qualifications which may be included as an approved component of a programme of study. Not all interim qualifications are available on all programmes and students are not entitled to an interim qualification if it is not a validated part of their programme.

## 7.1 Undergraduate Qualifications

Qualification		Years of FTE study	Level	FHEQ credits	Notional learning hours	ECTS credits	Range of levels	Standard credits per level					Maximum credit taken at lowest level	Minimum credit taken at level of qualification	Possible interim qualifications
								3	4	5	6	7			
<b>Basic/ Introductory (level 3)</b>															
<b>University Preparatory Certificate</b>	UPC	1 academic year	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	None
<b>First (level 4)</b>															
<b>Certificate of Higher Education</b>	Cert HE	1 academic year	4	120	1200	60	4	-	120	-	-	-	120 at level 4	120 at level 4	None
<b>Intermediate (level 5)</b>															
<b>Diploma of Higher Education</b>	Dip HE	2 academic years	5	240	2400	120	4&5	-	120	120	-	-	150 at level 4	90 at level 5	None
<b>Diploma in Education (Post-Compulsory)</b>	DipEd	1 academic year	5	120	1200	60	5	-	-	120	-	-	120 at level 5	120 at level 5	None
<b>Foundation Degree</b>	FD	2 academic years	5	240	2400	120	4&5	-	120	120	-	-	150 at level 4	90 at level 5	Cert HE
<b>Honours Degrees (level 6)</b>															
<b>Bachelor of Arts with Honours</b>	BA (Hons)	3 academic years	6	360	3600	180	4,5&6	-	120	120	120	-	150 at level 4	90 at level 6	Ordinary Degree, Dip HE, Cert HE
<b>Bachelor of Arts with Honours Top-Up Degree</b>	BA (Hons)	1 academic year	6	120	1200	120	6	-	-	-	120	-	-	120 at level 6	None
<b>Bachelor of Arts and Sciences with Honours</b>	BASc (Hons)	3 academic years	6	360	3600	180	4,5&6	-	120	120	120	-	150 at level 4	90 at level 6	Ordinary Degree, Dip HE, Cert HE
<b>Bachelor of Education with Honours</b>	BEd (Hons)	3 academic years	6	360	3600	180	4,5&6	-	120	120	120	-	150 at level 4	90 at level 6	Ordinary Degree, Dip HE, Cert HE
<b>Bachelor of Education with Honours Top-Up Degree</b>	BEd (Hons)	1 academic year	6	120	1200	120	6	-	-	-	120	-	-	120 at level 6	None

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<b>Bachelor of Engineering with Honours</b>	BEng (Hons)	3 academic years	6	360	3600	180	4,5&6	-	120	120	120	-	150 at level 4	90 at level 6	Ordinary Degree, Dip HE, Cert HE
<b>Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours</b>	BFA (Hons)	3 academic years	6	360	3600	180	4,5&6	-	360			-	150 at level 4	90 at level 6	Ordinary Degree, Dip HE, Cert HE
<b>Bachelor of Laws with Honours</b>	LLB (Hons)	3 academic years	6	360	3600	180	4,5&6	-	360			-	150 at level 4	90 at level 6	Ordinary Degree, Dip HE, Cert HE
<b>Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery</b>	MB,BS	5 academic years	6	600	6000	300	4,5&6	-	120	120	360	-	120 at level 4	360 at level 6	None
<b>Bachelor of Science with Honours</b>	BSc (Hons)	3 academic years	6	360	3600	180	4,5&6	-	120	120	120	-	150 at level 4	90 at level 6	Ordinary Degree, Dip HE, Cert HE
<b>Integrated Bachelor of Science with Honours</b>	iBSc (Hons)	1 academic year	6	120	1200	60	6	-	-	-	120	-	120 at level 6	120 at level 6	None
<b>Bachelor of Science (Economics) with Honours</b>	BSc (Econ) (Hons)	3 academic years	6	360	3600	180	4,5&6	-	120	120	120	-	150 at level 4	90 at level 6	Ordinary Degree, Dip HE, Cert HE
<b>Graduate Certificates and Diplomas (level 6)</b>															
<b>Graduate Certificate</b>	Grad Cert	0.5 academic years	6	60	600	30	5&6	-	-	-	60	-	15 at level 5	45 at level 6	None
<b>International Professional Certificate in Education</b>	iPgCE	2 calendar years	6	60	600	30	6	-	-	-	60	-	60 at level 6	60 at level 6	None
<b>Professional Certificate in Teaching and Learning</b>	PCTL	1 academic year	6	60	600	30	6	-	-	-	60	-	60 at level 6	60 at level 6	None
<b>Professional Graduate Certificate in Education inc Qualified Teacher Status</b>	PgCE + QTS	1 academic year	6	60	600	30	6	-	-	-	60	-	60 at level 6	60 at level 6	None
<b>Graduate Diploma</b>	Grad Dip	1 academic year	6	120	1200	60	5&6	-	-	-	120	-	30 at level 5	90 at level 6	Grad Cert

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<b>Integrated Masters (level 7)</b>															
<b>Master of Engineering with Honours</b>	MEng	4 academic years	7	480	4800	240	4,5,6&7	-	120	120	120	120	150 at level 4	120 at level 7 and 90 at level 6	BEng, Ordinary Degree, Dip HE, Cert HE
<b>Master of Pharmacy with Honours</b>	MPharm	4 academic years	7	480	4800	240	4,5,6&7	-	120	120	120	120	120 at level 4	120 at level 7 and 120 at level 6	BSc, Ordinary Degree, Dip HE, Cert HE
<b>Master in Science with Honours</b>	MSci	4 academic years	7	480	4800	240	4,5,6&7	-	120	120	120	120	150 at level 4	120 at level 7 and 90 at level 6	BSc, Ordinary Degree, Dip HE, Cert HE

## 7.2 Taught Postgraduate Qualifications

Qualification		Years of FTE study	Level	FHEQ credits	Notional learning hours	ECTS credits	Range of levels	Standard credits per level		Maximum credit taken at lowest level	Minimum credit taken at level of qualification	Possible interim qualifications
								6	7			
<b>Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas (level 7)</b>												
<b>Postgraduate Certificate</b>	PG Cert	0.5 academic years	7	60	600	30	6&7	-	60	15 at level 6	45 at level 7	None
<b>Postgraduate Certificate in Education: Primary + Qualified Teacher Status</b>	PGCE + QTS	1 academic year	7	60	1200	30	7	-	60	60 at level 7	60 at level 7	PgCE, PG Cert
<b>Postgraduate Certificate in Education: Secondary + Qualified Teacher Status</b>	PGCE + QTS	1 academic year	7	60	1200	30	7	-	60	60 at level 7	60 at level 7	PgCE, PG Cert
<b>Postgraduate Certificate in Education: Post-compulsory (inc Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector)</b>	PGCE + PTLLS	1 academic year	7	120	1200	60	7	30	90	30 at level 6	90 at level 7	PgCE, PG Cert, Dip Ed

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<b>International Postgraduate Certificate in Education (iPGCE)</b>	iPGCE	2 calendar years	7	60	600	30	7	-	60	60 at level 7	60 at level 7	PgCE, PG Cert
<b>Postgraduate Diploma</b>	PG Dip	1 academic year	7	120	1200	60	6&7	-	120	30 at level 6	90 at level 7	PG Cert
<b>Taught Masters (level 7)</b>												
<b>Master of Architecture</b>	MArch	1 calendar year	7	180	1800	90	6&7	-	180	30 at level 6	150 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>Master of Architecture with ARB RIBA Part 2 exemption</b>	MArch (ARB RIBA)	2 academic years	7	300	3000	150	7	-	300	300 at level 7	300 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>Master of Arts</b>	MA	1 calendar year	7	180	1800	90	6&7	-	180	30 at level 6	150 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>International Master of Arts</b>	MA (International)	2 academic years	7	240	2400	120	7	-	240	240 at level 7	240 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>Master of Business Administration</b>	MBA	2 calendar years	7	180	1800	90	6&7	-	180	30 at level 6	150 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>Master of Clinical Dentistry</b>	MClinDent	2 calendar years	7	360	3600	180	7	-	360	360 at level 7	360 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>Master of Clinical Dentistry with Speciality Training</b>	MClinDent with MRD (Endodontics)/ M Endo	3 calendar years	7	540	5400	270	7	-	540	540 at level 7	540 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>Master of Education (Exit Award)</b>	MEd	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Master of Fine Arts</b>	MFA	2 academic years	7	240	2400	120	7	-	240	240 at level 7	240 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>Master of Laws</b>	LLM	1 calendar year	7	180	1800	90	7	-	180	180 at level 7	180 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>Master of Planning</b>	MPlan	21 months	7	300	3000	150	7	-	300	300 at level 7	300 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>Master of Public Administration</b>	MPA	1 calendar year	7	180	1800	90	6&7	-	180	30 at level 6	150 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip

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								6	7			
<b>Executive Master of Public Administration</b>	EMPA	1 academic year	7	150	1500	75	7	-	150	150 at level 7	150 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>Master of Science</b>	MSc	1 calendar year	7	180	1800	90	6&7	-	180	30 at level 6	150 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>European Master of Science<sup>1</sup></b>	Euro MSc	1 calendar year	7	120	1200	60	7	-	120	120 at level 7	120 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>Master of Surgery</b>	MS	1 calendar year	7	180	1800	90	6&7	-	180	30 at level 6	150 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>Master of Teaching</b>	MTeach	3 calendar years part time	7	180	1800	90	6&7	-	180	30 at level 6	150 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>Master of Teaching and Learning</b>	MTL	2-3 calendar years	7	180	1800	90	6&7	-	180	30 at level 6	150 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip

## 7.3 Postgraduate Research Qualifications

Qualification		Years of FTE study	Level	FHEQ credits	Notional learning hours	ECTS credits	Range of levels	Standard credits per level					Maximum credit taken at lowest level	Minimum credit taken at level of qualification	Possible interim qualifications
								4	5	6	7	8			
<b>Research Masters (level 7)</b>															
<b>Master of Research</b>	MRes	1 calendar year	7	180	1800	90	6&7	-	-	-	180	-	30 at level 6	150 at level 7	PG Cert, PG Dip
<b>Master of Philosophy</b>	MPhil	2 calendar years	7	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	None
<b>Master of Philosophical Studies</b>	MPhilStud	2 calendar years	7	360	3600	180	7	-	-	-	360	-	360 at level 7	360 at level 7	None

<sup>1</sup> By central UCL approval, the European Master of Science is 60 ECTS so that it is aligned with other partner universities in the programme consortium.

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							4	5	6	7	8					
<b>Doctorates (level 8)</b>																
<b>Doctor of Philosophy</b>	PhD	3 calendar years	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	MPhil
<b>Doctor in Engineering</b>	EngD	3 calendar years	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	None
<b>Doctor of Medicine (Research)</b>	MD(Res)	2 calendar years	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	None
<b>Doctor in Public Administration</b>	DPA	4 calendar years	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	MRes
<b>Integrated Doctorates (level 8)</b>																
<b>Integrated Research Masters and Doctor of Philosophy</b>	MRes/ PhD	1-year Research Masters + 3-year PhD	8	180	1800+	90	7 & 8	-	-	-	180	n/a	30 at level 6	2 years PhD registration	MRes, MPhil	
<b>Integrated Research Masters and Doctor in Engineering</b>	MRes/ EngD	1-year Research Masters + 3-year EngD	8	180	1800+	90	7 & 8	-	-	-	180	n/a	30 at level 6	2 years EngD registration	MRes, MPhil	
<b>Integrated Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery/ Bachelor of Science and PhD</b>	MBPhD	9 years (5 calendar years MBBS + 1 calendar year Integrated BSc in year 3 + 3 years PhD registration in years 5-7)	6&8	600	6000+	300	4,5,6&8	120	120	360	-	n/a	120 at level 4	3 years PhD registration	MPhil	
<b>Professional Doctorates (level 8)</b>																
<b>Doctor in Clinical Psychology</b>	DClinPsy	3 calendar years	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	None
<b>Doctor in Dentistry</b>	DDent	3 calendar years	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	None
<b>Doctor in Education</b>	EdD	4 calendar years part time	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Master of Education
<b>Doctor in Educational Psychology</b>	DEdPsy	3 calendar years	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PG Dip, MSc

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								4	5	6	7	8			
<b>Doctorate in Educational and Child Psychology</b>	DECPsy	3 calendar years	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	None
<b>Doctor in Orthopaedics</b>	Doc.Orth	6 calendar years part time	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	None
<b>Doctor in Psychotherapy</b>	DPsychot herapy	4 calendar years	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	None