

Both the PhD and MPhil degrees are research-oriented. A student is required:

- (a) to complete an approved programme of supervised research;
- (b) to present a written thesis which demonstrates an advanced level of knowledge and understanding in the candidate's field of study which describes and summarizes the research undertakings and findings;
- (c) to satisfy the Board of Examiners in an oral examination, (and any other examination if deemed necessary), on matters relevant to the subject of the thesis; and
- (b) to comply with supervision, attendance and all coursework requirements as laid down by the respective Faculty/School.

A full-time candidate registered provisionally for the MPhil degree is subject to a probationary period of up to 12 months (for a part-time candidate, up to 18 months). A full-time candidate registered provisionally for the PhD degree is subject to a probationary period of up to 18 months (for a part-time candidate, up to 21 months). At the end of the probationary period and after the submission of a research prospectus to the University's Committee on Graduate Studies, the candidate will be assessed and candidature will be confirmed or terminated.

3.1 Period of Study

The period of study for full-time and part-time students is as follows:

	PhD Degree		MPhil Degree	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
Minimum Period	24*/30 months	36*/60 months	21 months	36 months
Normal Period	36/48** months	72 months	24 months	48 months
Maximum Period	60 months	96 months	48 months	72 months

* *The shorter period is applicable to PhD entrants who possess a Master's degree in a closely related field.*

** *The longer period is applicable to PhD entrants who do not possess a research Master's degree. A studentship is normally provided for 36 months. If students wish to extend to beyond 36 months, they should apply in writing, with the recommendation of the Dean, for approval by the Academic Registrar, at a time when he/she has pursued his/her studies for 24-30 months.*

Note: Any exceptions to these rules required the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies.