

List of awards 2022/23

Award	Academic level	Period of FT study	Credit Value for Award	Normal credit value per stage	Description
Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)	4	1 year	120	120	120 credits, with a maximum of 40 credits at Level S and a minimum of 80 credits at Level 4 May be awarded with Merit or Distinction
Higher National Certificate (HNC)	4	1 year	120	120	120 credits at Level 4 A Pearson's award conferred under licence
Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)	4-5	2 years	240	120	240 credits, with a maximum of 40 credits at Level S and a minimum of 80 credits at level 5 May be awarded with Merit or Distinction
Foundation Degree (FdA, FdSc, FdEng)	4-5	2 years	240	120	240 credits, with a maximum of 40 credits at Level S and minimum of 80 credits at Level 5 May be awarded with Merit or Distinction
Higher National Diploma (HND)	4-5	2 years	240	120	240 credits, 120 credits at Level 4 and 120 credits at Level 5 A Pearson's award conferred under licence
Graduate Certificate			60		60 credits, with a maximum of 20 credits at Level S and a minimum of 40 credits at Level 6 May be awarded with Merit or Distinction
Graduate Diploma			120		120 credits, with a maximum of 40 credits at Level S and a minimum of 80 credits at Level 6

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Professional Graduate Certificate in Education			120		120 credits at Level 6
Unclassified Bachelors degree	4-6	3 years	300		A minimum of 300 credits, with a maximum of 40 credits at Level S and a minimum of 60 credits at Level 6 May be awarded with Merit or Distinction
Bachelors Degree with Honours (BA, BEd, BSc, BEng, LLB)	4-6	3 years	360	120	360 credits, with a maximum of 40 credits at Level S and a minimum of 80 credits at Level 6 The University may confer Bachelors degrees with the following Honours classifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Class Honours • Second Class Honours, Upper Division • Second Class Honours, Lower Division • Third Class Honours Students studying a major/minor degree must study 360 credits and as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. overall a minimum of 220 credits in the major subject and a minimum of 80 credits in the minor subject; b. at level 6, a minimum of 60 credits in the major subject and a minimum of 20 credits in the minor subject; c. a student following a major/minor combination will normally complete a capstone

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					<p>project/dissertation of at least 20 credits in the major subject.</p> <p>For further details see the Assessment and Examinations Handbook</p>
Postgraduate Certificate in Lifelong Learning			30		30 credits at Level 7 for the duration of one Semester
Certificate in Management (CM)			60		<p>60 credits, with a minimum of 40 credits at Level 7</p> <p>May be awarded with Merit or Distinction</p>
National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination	7		60		60 credits at Level 7
Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert)	7	1 year	60	60	<p>60 credits, with a maximum of 20 credits at Level 6 and a minimum of 40 credits at Level 7</p> <p>May be awarded with Merit or Distinction</p>
Diploma in Management Studies (DMS)			120		<p>120 credits, with a maximum of 40 credits at Level 6 and minimum of 80 credits at Level 7</p> <p>May be awarded with Merit or Distinction</p>
Postgraduate Certificate in Education	7	1 year	120	120	120 credits, with a minimum of 60 credits at Level 7
Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip)	7	1 year	120	120	<p>120 credits, with a maximum of 40 credits at Level 6 and minimum of 80 credits at Level 7</p> <p>May be awarded with Merit or Distinction</p>

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Masters (MA, MEd, MEM, MEng (not integrated), MSc, MRes, LLM, MBA, MPA, MVA, MTech)	7	1 year	180	180	180 credits, with a maximum of 40 credits at Level 6 and a minimum of 140 credits at Level 7 May be awarded with Merit or Distinction
Master by Research (MA(Res), MSc(Res))			180		180 credits, with a maximum of 40 credits at Level 6 and a minimum of 140 credits at Level 7 May be awarded with Merit or Distinction. See specific regulations for research degrees
Master of Architecture (MArch)	7	2 years	240	120	240 credits at Level 7 May be awarded with Merit or Distinction
Integrated Masters for example MEng (Hons)	4-7	4 years	480	120	480 credits, with a maximum of 40 credits at Level S and a minimum of 120 credits at Level 7 The University may confer the following Honours classifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Class Honours • Second Class Honours, Upper Division • Second Class Honours, Lower Division • Third Class Honours
Master of Philosophy (MPhil)					Non recruiting See specific regulations for research degrees
Professional Doctorate (EdD, DBA, D.Nursing, D.Health and Social Care, D.Occupational Therapy, D.Optomety, D.Physiotherapy, D.Radiography)					540 credits, with a minimum of 360 credits at Level 8 See specific regulations for research degrees

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Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)					See specific regulations for research degrees
Doctor of Philosophy by Published Work					See specific regulations for research degrees
Doctor of Philosophy by Prior Publication					See specific regulations for research degrees
Higher Doctorates may be awarded with the following titles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor of Engineering (DEng) • Doctor of Laws (LLD) • Doctor of Letters (DLitt) • Doctor of Science (DSc) • Doctor of Technology (DTech) 					See specific regulations for research degrees