

List of awards 2025/26

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
Certificate in Education in Further Education and Skills Sector	5	2 years (PT)	120	60	120 credits at level 5. May be awarded with Merit or Distinction.
Graduate Certificate	6	6 years (PT) CPPD Open	60		60 credits at Level 6. May be awarded with Merit or Distinction

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Graduate Diploma	6	6 years (PT) CPPD Open	120		120 credits at Level 6. May be awarded with Merit or Distinction
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education	6	2 years (PT)	120	60	120 credits at Level 6
Unclassified Bachelors degree Exit award at Level 6	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
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
Postgraduate Certificate in Lifelong Learning	7	½ year (One Semester)	30	30	30 credits at Level 7 for the duration of one Semester
National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination	7		60		60 credits at Level 7
Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert)	7	1 year	60	60	60 credits, with a maximum of 20 credits at Level 6 and a minimum of 40 credits at Level 7

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					May be awarded with Merit or Distinction
Postgraduate Certificate in Education	7	1 year	120	120	120 credits at Level 7
Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip)	7	1 year	120	120	120 credits, with a maximum of 40 credits at Level 6 and minimum of 80 credits at Level 7 May be awarded with Merit or Distinction
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))	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. 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 6 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

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					• Third Class Honours
Master of Philosophy (MPhil)	7				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)	8				540 credits, with a minimum of 360 credits at Level 8 See specific regulations for research degrees
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	8				See specific regulations for research degrees
Doctor of Philosophy by Published Work	8				See specific regulations for research degrees
Doctor of Philosophy by Prior Publication	8				See specific regulations for research degrees

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