The following information does not form part of policy or regulations but provides background information to the Policy on Postgraduate Change of Registration. Note that all of the awards and periods of study are described in the Senate Regulations.

**Awards**

**Existing Awards**

- **PGCert**: At least 60 credits of which a minimum of 40 should be at SCQF Level 11 (5000 level) or above.
- **PGDiploma**: At least 120 credits of which a minimum of 90 should be at SCQF Level 11 (5000 level) or above.
- **MSc**: At least 180 credits of which a minimum of 150 are at SCQF Level 11 (5000-level). Includes taught (normally 120) credits and a final project or dissertation of maximum length 15,000 words normally worth 60 credits.
- **MLitt**: At least 180 credits of which a minimum of 150 are at SCQF Level 11. Includes 120 taught credits and a dissertation of maximum length 15,000 words normally worth 60 credits.
- **MRes**: At least 180 credits of which a minimum of 150 are at SCQF Level 11 (5000-level). Normally includes some taught credits and a final project or dissertation of maximum length 15,000 words normally worth 60 credits.
- **MFA**: Two years of full-time study or equivalent including 120 taught credits which a minimum of 90 are at SCQF Level 11 and a thesis, or an alternative assessment appropriate to subject discipline and approved by the Dean, of maximum length 40,000 words.
- **MPhil (by research route)**: Two full-time years or equivalent of research at SCQF level 11 and a thesis of maximum length 60,000 words or an alternative assessment appropriate to subject discipline and approved by the Dean.

**New Awards or Routes to Awards**

- **MSc (Res)**: Master of Science by research. One year of full-time research and a dissertation of maximum length 30,000 words at SCQF level 11.
- **MSt (Res)**: Master of Studies by research. One year of full-time research and a dissertation of maximum length 30,000 words at SCQF level 11
- **MPhil (by research route)**: Two full-time years or equivalent of research at SCQF level 11 and a thesis of maximum length 60,000 words or an alternative assessment appropriate to subject discipline and approved by the Dean.

**Exit Awards**

- **Programme**: Postgraduate Diploma
- **Exit Award**: Postgraduate Certificate
- **Criteria**: 60 taught credits, a minimum of 40 should be at SCQF Level 11 (5000-level) or above.
- **Note**: Where the candidate does not meet the SCQF level requirements but meets the credit requirements an undergraduate certificate can be awarded.
Programme: MLitt, MSc or MRes
Exit Award: Postgraduate Certificate
Criteria: 60 taught credits - minimum of 40 should be at SCQF Level 11 (5000-level) or above
Exit Award: Postgraduate Diploma
Criteria: 120 taught credits - minimum of 90 should be at SCQF Level 11 (5000-level) or above
Note: Where the candidate does not meet the SCQF level requirements but meets the credit requirements a undergraduate certificate or diploma can be awarded.

Programme: MSt(Res) or MSc(Res)
Exit Award: No exit award

Programme: MPhil (by research route).
Exit Award: MSt(Res) or MSc(Res) if the thesis meets the criteria for MSt(Res) or MSc(Res).

Programme: MPhil (including taught credits)
Exit Award: Postgraduate Certificate
Criteria: 60 taught credits - minimum of 40 should be at SCQF Level 11 (5000-level) or above
Exit Award: Postgraduate Diploma
Criteria: 120 taught credits - minimum of 90 should be at SCQF Level 11 (5000-level) or above
Exit Award: MLitt or MSc
Criteria: 120 taught credits - minimum of 90 should be at SCQF Level 11 (5000-level) or above; thesis meets the criteria for MLitt or MSc.

Programme: Master of Fine Arts (MFA)
Exit Award: Postgraduate Certificate
Criteria: 60 taught credits - minimum of 40 should be at SCQF Level 11 (5000-level) or above
Exit Award: Postgraduate Diploma
Criteria: 120 taught credits - minimum of 90 should be at SCQF Level 11 (5000-level) or above
Note: No exit points of MLitt and MSc.

Programme: PhD
Exit Award: Postgraduate Certificate
Criteria: 60 taught credits - minimum of 40 should be at SCQF Level 11 (5000-level) or above
Exit Award: Postgraduate Diploma
Criteria: 120 taught credits - minimum of 90 should be at SCQF Level 11 (5000-level) or above
Exit Award: MPhil (without rewrite/corrections) – examination form change required
Exit Award: MPhil (with rewrite/corrections
**Periods of Study**

The following table shows the time periods allocated to each degree programme depending on the mode of study. These periods of study are now described in the Senate Regulations and Leave of Absence policy.

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- Normal permitted period of study
- Maximum deferral period (only for research component)
- Maximum period including Leave of Absence
**Postgraduate Degree Structures**

The diagram below illustrates the relationships between the postgraduate degree awards. Students entering the flow chart on the left must follow the same coloured arrow to their exit award. The proposed structure enables students to either progress or exit with an award at each stage.

Dr Clare Peddie  
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