ORDINANCE 64: Integrated Degree of Doctor in Philosophy and Master of Science

1. The University may make the award of Integrated Doctor in Philosophy and Master of Science in Data Analytics and Society to students who have pursued the approved integrated programme of studies on a full-time basis, including internships/placements, over a period of four years when studied on a full-time basis (with a further 12 month overtime period available if required) or eight years when studied part-time (with a further 24 month overtime period available if required), as set out in the programme specification for the degree, to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners.

2. The programme specification shall set out the aims, learning outcomes, structure, assessment and re-assessment requirements of the programme. The Doctor in Philosophy and Master of Science in Data Analytics and Society programme shall comprise taught modules, including domain skills for data science, an accredited internship/work placement and a research project, totalling 180 credits at FHEQ level 7. Approved modules in domain skills, totalling up to a maximum 45 credits, may be delivered by the University of Leeds, the University of Liverpool, the University of Manchester or the University of Sheffield. The thesis for the award of Doctor in Philosophy shall be at doctoral level (FHEQ level 8), as defined in the PGR Code of Practice.

3. Candidates for the integrated degree of Doctor in Philosophy and Master of Science in Data Analytics and Society shall, before entry upon the degree programme, have obtained entrance qualifications of a type and standard deemed appropriate by the University of Liverpool.

4. Students who accumulate relevant certificated credits arising from previous study, may be permitted to transfer such credits upon entry to the programme, provided that such credits shall not normally amount to a total of more than one third of the credits required for the award of a Master's Degree, Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate.

5. Students shall be assessed for the MSc in accordance with the requirements set out in the relevant programme and module specifications which, with the exception of the credits assigned to the research project or dissertation, shall comply with the provisions of the University's Framework for Postgraduate Modular Provision and the Code of Practice on Assessment. Students who fail taught modules may be reassessed in those modules on one further occasion only, at the next re-assessment opportunity.

6. At the end of the second year of study a candidate shall be eligible to progress to the PhD if they have successfully completed modules totalling 150 credits, including a research project module worth at least 30 credits. Registration for the PhD shall be affirmed at the annual progress meeting following the MSc Board of Examiners' confirmation of a candidate's results on the MSc.

7. Students who fail to meet the requirements for the Integrated award of Doctor in Philosophy and Master of Science in Data Analytics and Society may, subject to the completion of the requisite amount of credits, be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in

Data Analytics and Society (60 credits), or a Postgraduate Diploma in Data Analytics and Society (120 credits) or a Master of Science in Data Analytics and Society (180 credits).

8. The MSc, Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate may be awarded with a mark of Merit or Distinction as set out in the University's Framework for Postgraduate Modular Provision.

9. In exceptional circumstances the examiners of the thesis for the award of the Doctor in Philosophy may recommend to the Chair of the PGR Committee for approval that the award of MPhil may be made to the candidate. In such cases the candidate shall be awarded the MPhil and the Master of Science in Data Analytics and Society as two separate degrees.

10. The arrangements for the development needs analysis, progress review on the PhD and supervision of the PhD shall comply with the provisions of the Postgraduate Research Code of Practice.

11. The Board of Examiners for the Master of Science shall be empowered to take account of extenuating circumstances affecting students' performance in determining the conditions relating to re-assessments of the taught modules and in the pre-thesis stage during the second year of study on the Doctor in Philosophy and Master of Science in Data Analytics and Society programme, in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Practice on Assessment and the Extenuating Circumstances Policy. From the start of the third year of study the provisions of the Postgraduate Research Code of Practice Policy on Extenuating Circumstances shall apply.

12. The maximum period for which a full-time student may be registered for the degree of Doctor in Philosophy and Master of Science in Data Analytics and Society, including any periods of interruption of studies, shall be eight years. The maximum period for which a part-time student may be registered, including periods of interruption of studies shall be nine years six months. Where a student submits their thesis towards the end of the maximum period allowed for registration on the programme and is required to re-submit their thesis by the Examiners following their viva examination, they may be permitted one exceptional further year only to re-submit their thesis.

The Code of Practice on Assessment (including the Extenuating Circumstances Policy) can be found at:
https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/aqsd/academic-codes-of-practice/code-of-practice-on-assessment/

The PGR Code of Practice can be found at:
https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/aqsd/academic-codes-of-practice/pgr-code-of-practice/

The Fitness to Practise Policy can be found at:
https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/student-administration/policies-procedures/fitness-to-practise/

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE TO ORDINANCE 64

1. Ordinance approved by Senate and Council June/July 2017.

2. Amendment approved by Senate in November 2021 and Council via Chair's action in April 2022 to include an automatic overtime/writing up year to the existing four-year registration period to ensure parity between candidates enrolled at UoL and the other partner Universities.

3. Amendments approved by Senate and Council in June/July 2022 to allow for inclusion of a part-time route for the programme at the request of the University of Leeds (lead institution) in order to remain in line with the requirements of the ESRC. The Integrated MSc and PhD is only available via the Data Analytics & Society CDT.

4. Amendments approved by Senate November 2024 to replace references to 'suspension' of studies with 'interruption' of studies.