

Ordinance 67: Professional Doctorates

Professional Doctorate in Health

Professional Doctorate in Education (XJTLU)

1. The University may award the degree of Professional Doctorate to students who have pursued an approved part-time programme of studies, over a period of 4.5 calendar years, as set out in the programme specification for the degree, to the satisfaction of the examiners. The programme specification shall set out the aims, learning outcomes, structure and assessment requirements of the programme. Re-assessment requirements of the programme are articulated in the Code of Practice on Assessment and the Framework for Professional Doctorates. Details of the curriculum shall be provided in module specifications. Professional Doctorate programmes shall have 540 credits, comprising 360 credits at doctoral level (FHEQ level 8) as defined in the PGR Code of Practice and including the thesis, and 180 credits at masters level (FHEQ level 7).
2. Candidates for the degree of Professional Doctorate shall, before entry upon the degree programme, have obtained entrance qualifications of a type and standard deemed appropriate by the University.
3. Applicants will be permitted to transfer relevant certificated credits arising from previous study upon entry to the programme.
4. Students who fail to meet the requirements for the award for which they are registered may be eligible for an exit award, as detailed in the relevant programme specification, provided that they are deemed by the Examiners or Board of Examiners to have met the requirements for that award.
5. The maximum period for which a student may be registered for the degree of Professional Doctorate, including any periods of interruption of studies and re-submission, shall be 8.5 years.
6. Boards of Examiners shall be empowered to take account of extenuating circumstances affecting students' performance in determining the conditions relating to re-sit examinations in the pre-thesis stage of a Professional Doctorate programme, in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Practice on Assessment, Appendix M: Policy on Extenuating Circumstances in Relation to Performance in Assessments and Examinations. At the thesis stage, the PGR Code of Practice is applicable, Appendix 6: Policy on Interruptions of Study, on Extensions of Study and on Extenuating Circumstances in Relation to *Viva Voce* Examination.

Links to the Code of Practice on Assessment and PGR Code of Practice:

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/aqsd/academic-codes-of-practice/code-of-practice-on-assessment/>

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/aqsd/academic-codes-of-practice/pgr-code-of-practice/>

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE TO ORDINANCE 67

1. Amendments approved on behalf of Senate and Council August 2023:
 - Addition of a new programme title which was approved for delivery from September 2023.
2. Amendments approved by Senate November 2024 to add a new programme title 'Professional Doctorate in Education (XJTLU)' and to replace references to 'suspension' of studies with 'interruption' of studies.