

University of Edinburgh
Postgraduate (PG) Study Period Table

Degree	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Year 14	Year 15
PG Certificate Full Time	4 months *	Maximum extension period by concession	4 month * maximum interruption of study by concession	4 month * maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 2 years 8 Months										
PG Certificate Part-Time continuous	Prescribed period **	Maximum extension period by concession	4 month * maximum interruption of study by concession	4 month * maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 3 years 4 months										
PG Certificate Part-Time intermittent	Prescribed period **	Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 5 years										
PG Diploma Full Time	9 months *	Maximum extension period by concession	9 month * maximum interruption of study by concession	9 month * maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 3 years 6 months										
PG Diploma Part-Time continuous	Prescribed period **	Maximum extension period by concession	9 month * maximum interruption of study by concession	9 month * maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 4 years 9 months										
PG Diploma Part-Time intermittent	Prescribed period **			Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 8 years									
PG Masters Full Time	Prescribed period	Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 4 years											
PG Masters Part-Time continuous	Prescribed period **		Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 6 years										
PG Masters Part-Time intermittent	Prescribed period **						Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 11 years						
Masters by Research Full Time	Prescribed period	Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 4 years											
Masters by Research Part-Time	Prescribed period	Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 5 years											
MPhil Full Time	Prescribed period **	Submission period	Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 7 years (includes permitted 12 months submission period following prescribed period)										
MPhil Part-Time	Prescribed period **			Submission period	Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 9 years (includes permitted 12 months submission period following prescribed period)								
PhD by Research Publications	Prescribed period	Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 4 years											
Doctorate Full Time	Prescribed period **	Submission period	Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 9 years (includes permitted 12 months submission period following prescribed period)										
Doctorate Part-Time	Prescribed period **				Submission period	Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 12 years (includes permitted 12 months submission period following prescribed period)							
4 Year Doctorate Full Time	Prescribed period		Submission period	Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 11 years (includes permitted 12 months submission period following prescribed period)									
4 Year Doctorate Part-Time	Prescribed period					Submission period	Maximum extension period by concession	Maximum interruption of study by concession	maximum allowable: 15 years (includes permitted 12 months submission period following prescribed period)						

* Where periods are less than a full year this is shown in the relevant box



MPhil and Doctorate students may submit theses up to three months prior to the end of the prescribed period of study. Earlier submission requires College approval.

**** Colleges may reduce the prescribed period of study - see Regulation 28**

Mar-20 Some external sponsors, such as Research Councils, may set conditions which differ from the standard pattern illustrated above.