

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

AIMS

The MPhil is a research degree in its own right and one which gives students an advanced set of research skills and in depth knowledge of a specific area of study, suiting students who are not able to commit to a lengthy period of study. MPhil students are expected to show some degree of originality and contribution to knowledge as well as a solid understanding of a substantial body of knowledge which is at the forefront of an academic discipline or area of professional practice.

Students are expected to submit a Thesis of 20,000 words (Science, Engineering, Art and Design) or 40,000 words (Arts, Social Sciences and Education) and pass successfully a Viva Voce examination.

The thesis will demonstrate student's understanding of research methods, and ability to critically evaluate the specific topic of student's academic subject area.

This MPhil programme provides a solid foundation for progressing to PhD at the University of Bolton or elsewhere.

Research Subject Areas

The University of Bolton can support MPhil students undertaking research in the following subject areas:

- Art and Design
 - Accounting and Business
 - Built Environment & Civil Engineering
 - Community Studies
 - Computer Science
 - Education
 - Engineering
 - English & Creative Writing
 - Health & Well-Being
 - Information Systems
 - Islamic Finance
 - Law
 - Materials, Research & Innovation
 - Mass Observation and Worktown Studies
 - Medical, Biomedical and Life Sciences
 - Photography
 - Psychology
 - Sport, Performance, Recovery & Rehab
 - Sport Sociology and Policy
 - Theatre and Performance
 - Renewable Energy & Environmental Technologies
- <http://www.bolton.ac.uk/Research/Home.aspx#sthash.byW7em5w.dpuf>

Duration

1.5 years (full-time); 3 years (part-time).



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Normally, candidates should have at least an upper second class honours degree (2.1) or equivalent in a relevant subject. Candidates will be interviewed (this may be over the telephone or online for non-UK-based applicants). If English is not candidate's first language an IELTS 6.5 or equivalent is also needed.

How to Apply

Before applying for a research degree candidates should contact New York College Postgraduate Research Director to discuss their subject specialism and the nature of the research that they wish to undertake. This will inform them of the types of specialism that the University of Bolton is able to support. You can visit the web pages of the academic area.

Candidates' application folder should include:

1. An application Form
2. A recent CV
3. Notarised copies of diploma(s) and transcript
4. A research proposal

Available start dates:

Start Date	Apply By Date
January	November
May	March

ATTENDANCE

In addition to the scheduled meetings with the supervisor, students are expected to attend a number of scheduled workshops throughout their studies on Research Methodology, Quantitative and Qualitative data collection, Writing Research Papers, Review of Individual Performance, Writing the Annual Monitoring Reviews, Conference Presentations, and Preparing for the Viva Voce Examinations.

CAREERS

MPhil holders can demonstrate a set of transferrable skills and attitudes that help them pursue a career building on their research experience. Critical thinking, ability to analyse, ability to work independently, and innovative spirit are some of the key skills that today's fast developing and multinational companies are looking for when considering newly graduates. Research skills are required in a variety of jobs whether in business, education, or industry. In addition, MPhil graduates can progress onto studying the PhD programme at the University of Bolton or elsewhere.