

Research degrees receiving approved variations and derogations to regulations, policies and procedures

The following research degrees have received approval for a variation or derogation to the stated regulation, policy or procedure. All research degrees and associated variations/derogations are overseen by the Postgraduate Researcher Sub-Committee (PGRSC), which reports into University Research and Innovation Committee and onwards to Senate.

Any questions about any of the below should be directed to the Research Degrees Manager via pgr-governance@sussex.ac.uk.

Research Degree	Document reference(s)	Summary	Approval (most recent first)
PhD in Accounting (SEDarc) (N3013R)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulation 23 Procedures on Research Degrees 	<p>Versions of existing research degree routes to accommodate requirements of funder (ESRC), with the following variations/derogations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course length: standard award 3.5 years (including 3 month placement); 4.5 year award available to those without core social science training. Extra year (year 1) or PT equivalent devoted to a Master's degree (typically MSc in Social Research Methods) with award at end of year 1. 	29 April 2025 (PGRSC)
PhD in Economics (SEDarc) (N3017R)			
PhD in Finance (SEDarc) (N3014R)			
PhD in Management (SEDarc) (N3015R)			
PhD in Science and Technology Policy Studies (SEDarc) (N3018R)			
PhD in Technology and Innovation Management (SEDarc) (N3016R)			
PhD Childhood and Youth (SEDarc) (L3003R)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulation 23 Procedures on Research Degrees 	<p>Versions of existing research degree routes to accommodate requirements of funder (ESRC), with the following variations/derogations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course length: standard award 3.5 years (including 3 month placement); 4.5 year award available to those without core social science training. Extra year (year 1) or PT equivalent devoted to a Master's degree (typically MSc in Social Research Methods) with award at end of year 1. 	21 May 2024 (PGRSC)
PhD Criminology (SEDarc) (L3402R)			
PhD Development Studies (SEDarc) (L1619R)			
PhD Education (SEDarc) (X9615R)			
PhD Gender Studies (SEDarc) (Q3634R)			
PhD Geography (SEDarc) (F8610R)			
PhD Human Rights (SEDarc) (M9604R)			
PhD International Development (SEDarc) (L1617R)			
PhD International Education (SEDarc) (L4002R)			
PhD International Relations (SEDarc) (M1618R)			
PhD Law (SEDarc) (M3613R)			
PhD Linguistics (SEDarc) (Q1603R)			
PhD Migration Studies (SEDarc) (L8610R)			
PhD Politics (SEDarc) (M1615R)			
PhD Psychology (SEDarc) (C8608R)			

PhD Social Anthropology (SEDarc) (L6610R)			
PhD Social Work and Social Care (SEDarc) (L5510R)			
PhD Sociology (SEDarc) (L3613R)			
PhD Wellbeing (SEDarc) (B3002R)			
PhD in Quantum Information Science and Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedures on Research Degrees 	PGRs required to pass 120 taught credits to progress into Year 2. Programme designed to meet funder expectations (EPSRC) and delivered in collaboration with the University of Bristol.	21 May 2024 (PGRSC) 14 March 2025 (PASC)

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