

TO: ACADEMIC BOARD – 10 MARCH 2009

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SUBJECT: Bath Spa University approved award titles

PURPOSE

- To give the approved list of titles for current Bath Spa University awards in the light of the University's successful application for research degree awarding powers.

BACKGROUND

- The Academic Regulations (2b) state that the 'Academic Board shall approve a list of titles of available awards with their abbreviated forms from time to time. Awards for particular programmes may be qualified by descriptors identified at the time of approval of those programmes, or under rules established at the time of approval'.
- The revised list of awards is as follows:

Award title	FHEQ Level	Minimum Credits	Minimum credits at the level of the qualification	FQ-EHEA cycles	ECTS credit ranges from FQ-EHEA
PhD	8	Not typically credit-rated		Third cycle (end of cycle) Qualifications	Not typically credit-rated
Professional doctorates (only if credit based)(eg EdD, DBA, DCLinPsy)					
Research master's Degrees (eg MPhil, MLitt)	7	Not typically credit-rated		Second cycle (end of cycle) qualifications	
Taught master's degrees (eg MA, MSc, MRes)		180	150		
Postgraduate diplomas		120	90		
Postgraduate Certificate In Education (PGCE)		60	40		
Postgraduate certificates		60	40		
Bachelor's degrees with honours (eg BA/BSc Hons)	6	360	90	First cycle (end of cycle) Qualifications	180-240 ECTS credits
Bachelor's degrees		300	60		
Graduate diplomas		80	80		
Graduate certificates		40	40		
Foundation Degrees (eg FdA, FdSc)	5	240	90	Short cycle (within or linked to the first cycle qualifications)	Approximately 120 ECTS credits
Diplomas of Higher Education (DipHE)		240	90		
Higher National Diploma (HND)		240	90		
Higher National Certificates (HNC)	4	150	120		
Certificates of Higher Education (Cert HE)		150	90		
University Certificates	3	60	60		

RECOMMENDATION

- That the Board approve the list of titles of available Bath Spa University awards.