

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

i. Postgraduate Diploma:

A graduate from a recognized University or a person with qualification adjudged to be equivalent to a first degree may be admitted. A holder of a minimum of upper credit in the Higher National Diploma from a recognized institution may also be admitted.

ii. Masters Degree

- a. A Candidate with a first degree from a recognized University with a minimum of a second class lower division may be admitted.
- b. A candidate with a good postgraduate Diploma in addition to a first degree, HND or certain professional certification from a recognized Institution may also be admitted to a Masters Degree program.

iii. Masters of Philosophy

A candidate whose weighted coursework average at the Masters level is between 3.0 to 3.49 CGPA (on 5-point grade average) or between 50% to 54.99%, which includes course work and Dissertation from a recognized University, may be admitted into the M.Phil degree program.

iv. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Degree

a. *Regular Admission:* A candidate with a good Masters Degree – not less than 4.00 CGPA (on 5-point scale) or 60%, which includes course work and Dissertation from a recognized University, may be admitted.

b. *Provisional Admission:* Provisional admission to a PhD program is granted when the applicant brings a Master's degree from an institution whose recognition cannot be adequately determined (typically in the case of a foreign institution), but who otherwise has successfully completed all admission requirements to the PhD program (as specified above for regular admission). Provisional admission is usually granted for one semester, at the end of which regular admission status is granted, provided that academic performance meets expected standards. A student can enroll in PhD coursework while under provisional admission.

c. Conditional Admission

- i. Conditional admission to a PhD program is granted when the applicant, brings a Master's degree in a related area or in a professional, rather than academic program, if this is permitted by the corresponding department. Such candidates must have not less than 4.00 CGPA (on 5-point scale) or 60% and must consequently complete remedial coursework from the MSc or MA (number of units and duration to be determined by corresponding department in agreement with BU SPGS), including a thesis, not appearing on his/her transcript, prior to being granted provisional or regular admission to the doctoral program. In any case of remedial coursework, this coursework must attain the required level of proficiency (60%) in order to qualify the applicant to be admitted to the doctoral program. No coursework may be taken which will be counted as part of the doctoral program while the student is under conditional admission. Once remedial coursework have been satisfactorily completed, the applicant will be granted either provisional or regular admission.
- ii. If the MSc (or MA) level of proficiency is between 55% and 59% (or 3.50-3.99 CGPA on 5-point grade average), the applicant may be granted conditional admission, pending completion of a minimum of 16 additional credits (i.e., one full semester) of specified graduate coursework, in which the minimum level of proficiency (60%) must be attained.

Upon satisfactory completion, provisional or regular status may be given. No credits earned while under this conditional admission may be counted toward the doctoral program.

- d. *Admission with Completed MPhil Degree:* If an applicant brings an MPhil in the same area of specialization as the PhD program for which application is made, this MPhil must rest on an MSc (or MA) in the same area of specialization, with both the MPhil and the MSc (or MA) meeting the required levels of proficiency (60% and 50% respectively). If the applicant with an MPhil does not have an MSc (or MA) in the area of specialization, but another Master's degree that meets the required level of proficiency, then the transcript will be reviewed by the Department (if this is allowed by the Department) to ascertain which of the required courses in the MSc (or MA) have been completed, and any outstanding deficiencies must be completed prior to provisional or regular admission to the doctoral program, at the expected level of proficiency. Once any outstanding deficits have been removed and the applicant is admitted to the doctoral program, an MPhil in the same area of specialization (and only in that area) will count for the first year of the PhD program, with the student commencing with all activities of the second year of the program of studies. If the MPhil is in any area other than the PhD area of specialization, the student will commence with the first year of the doctoral program of studies.
- e. *Master's Degree Proficiency 50-54%:* If the MSc (or MA) level of proficiency is between 50% and 54% (or 3.00-3.49 CGPA on 5-point grade average), the applicant may be granted admission to the corresponding MPhil, in which the minimum level of proficiency (60%) must be attained. The first year of coursework from the MPhil (which corresponds to the first year of coursework in the doctoral program) will be counted as the first year of the PhD program, once the MPhil is completed satisfactorily. No portion of the second year of the MPhil program (i.e., MPhil project and/or elective courses) will be counted toward the PhD program. Upon satisfactory completion of the corresponding MPhil program, the applicant will be granted provisional or regular status in the PhD program and will commence with all requirements of the second year of the doctoral program.
Minimum of 24 Credits done over a minimum period of two semesters with an average score of not less than 50%.
- ii. **Masters Degree**
A minimum of 36 credits including a Thesis of 6 credits done over a minimum period of three semesters with a cumulative GPA of 3.00. No credits may be transferred from an external M.Sc./MA programme to Babcock PG programme.
- iii. **Master of Philosophy**
For the Master of Philosophy (MPhil), a minimum of 24 credits including a dissertation of 6 credits is required. This is to be completed over a minimum period four semesters. The coursework comprise those of the corresponding PhD program in the first year, and a minimum of two elective courses in the second year, in addition to the MPhil project.
- iv. **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Degree**
A minimum of 56 credits including a Thesis of 12 - 16 credits over a minimum period of six semesters. The 40-credits course work is scheduled to be completed in the first four semesters while the 12 - 16 credit Thesis largely fills the last two semesters.