The length of a thesis will vary according to the topic, but it should not be unnecessarily long.

If the job can be done in less words then all the better – avoid “waffle” in order to reach a word count rather than focusing on getting the points across succinctly and with maximum impact.

Most examiners prefer the latter as boredom is reduced and their time is respected.

Note: approximately 1000 words = 4 double spaced pages

Research Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy (DPHIAS) 240 credit points: 100,000 – 120,000 words
A thesis submitted for the degree of PhD should not be more than 400 double spaced pages, or approximately 100,000 words, including maps and diagrams, but excluding the bibliography and appendices.

Master of Science (MRSIAS) 160 credit points: 50,000 – 60,000 words
A thesis submitted for the degree of Master by research should not be more than 200 double spaced pages, or approximately 50,000 words, including maps and diagrams, but excluding the bibliography and appendices.

Research Components of Coursework Degrees

Doctor of Health (DHLTH) 120 credit points: 50,000 – 60,000 words
A thesis submitted for the degree of Doctor of Health should not be more than 200 double spaced pages, or approximately 50,000 words, including maps and diagrams, but excluding the bibliography and appendices.

Doctor of Public Health (DPHLTH) 80 credit points: 35,000 – 40,000 words
A thesis submitted for the degree of Doctor of Public Health should be approximately 160 double spaced pages, or approximately 40,000 words, including maps and diagrams, but excluding the bibliography and appendices.

Master of Public Health (MCPHTH) 40 credit points: 20,000 – 25,000 words
A thesis submitted for the degree of Master of Public Health should not be more than 100 double spaced pages, or approximately 25,000 words, including maps and diagrams, but excluding the bibliography and appendices.

Bachelor of Science (Honours) (BSCIH) 60 credit points: 15,000 – 20,000 words
A thesis submitted for the degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) should not be longer than 20,000 words.