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**Dissertation Word Count Requirements for the Degree of MPhil
Information for Students & Supervisors**

In the College of Social Sciences, a dissertation shall normally be 30,000 - 40,000 words in length including references, bibliography and appendices in each case as confirmed in the [University Regulations](#) (College of Social Sciences, Degree of Master of Philosophy, Schedule B – Master of Philosophy by Research, Section 4b).

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