

Medical Sciences Divisional Board**Approved at the meeting of Graduate School Committee on 30th May 2017****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation:**

MSc in Radiation Biology

Brief note about nature of change:

- minor amendments to regulations to improve clarity
- change to the submission deadline for the 3000 words assignment

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosbcinradibiol/studentview/>

Effective date**For students starting from MT 2017**

[And]

For first examination from 2017-18**Detail of change**

1. Amend citation 1.2 as follows:

^{1.2}~~2. The Organising Committee shall appoint an academic adviser for each candidate.~~

2. The Organising Committee shall assign a project supervisor for each candidate.

2. Amend citation 1.3 as follows:

^{1.3}~~3. Each candidate shall follow a course of study in Radiation Biology for at least three terms and for a substantial part of the three subsequent vacations, as determined by the course timetable. The Course Director will provide a list showing the extent to which each~~

~~candidate has satisfied these requirements.~~

3. Amend citation 1.6 as follows:

^{1.6}(ii) Each candidate will be required to submit to the examiners an assignment of 3,000 words by uploading it to the Assignments Section of the MSc in Radiation Biology WebLearn site by noon, ~~Friday of Week 6 of Hilary Term~~ Monday of Week 7 of Hilary Term. A choice of assignment titles will be provided to students by Week 8 of Michaelmas Term. Candidates must pass this assignment in order to proceed with the course. Those who fail the assignment shall be permitted to re-take it on one further occasion only. The assignment should be re-submitted by noon, Friday of Week 8 of Trinity Term. The assignment will account for 15 per cent of the final marks.

4. Amend citation 1.9 as follows:

^{1.9}a. Each candidate will be required to submit to the examiners three copies of a typewritten or printed research dissertation of not more than 10,000 words (excluding bibliography and appendices) based on the research project. The dissertation must be submitted by a date to be specified by the Organising Committee and which ~~will be published in the student handbook~~ will be outlined on the MSc Radiation Biology Weblearn site not later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken.

5. Amend citations 1.16-1.28 as follows:

SCHEDULE

^{1.16}The modules for study will be:

- ^{1.17}~~1.~~ Physics and Chemistry of Radiation Action
- ^{1.18}~~2.~~ Molecular Radiation Biology
- ^{1.19}~~3.~~ Cellular and Tissue Radiation Biology
- ^{1.20}~~4.~~ Whole Body Exposure and Carcinogenesis
- ^{1.21}~~5.~~ Radiation Epidemiology
- ^{1.22}~~6.~~ Radiation Protection
- ^{1.23}~~7.~~ Imaging Technologies
- ^{1.24}~~8.~~ Tumour Microenvironment
- ^{1.25}~~9.~~ Principles of Clinical Radiation Biology

1.26 ~~10.~~ Applications of Radiation Therapy

1.27 ~~11.~~ Translational Radiation Biology

1.28 ~~12.~~ Clinical Radiation Biology.

Explanatory Notes

Re 1 - The new wording better reflects what is actually done and what the original text was supposed to say.

Re 2 - It is not clear what the deleted text is referring to or why it was originally included (unless it is referring to the final marks for each of the three components that make up the examination). It therefore appears to be irrelevant and should be deleted.

Re 3 - Attendance dropped off during the last week of lectures and tutorials, probably due to the students finalising the 3000 word assignment prior to submission on the Friday of that week. Moving the date of submission from Friday to the following Monday gives them the weekend to finalise and submit the assignment but still gives two clear weeks to revise for the written examination.

Re 4 - The date of submission is communicated to the students on the weblearn site.

Re 5 - Having the modules numbers implies a particular order. Although all these modules will still be covered it is likely that the order will be slightly modified to improve the balance between the two terms.