General regulations for the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy, Master of Studies, or Master of Science by Coursework

These changes make provision for the release of marks once the examination board has agreed them, which may be at interim points during the year. In addition, they restrict the award of distinction to those who have not previously failed any elements of assessment.

With effect from 1 October 2013

In Examination Regulations 2012.

Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Philosophy or Master of Philosophy

1. On p. 498, after l. 2, insert new clause:

‘4. Final examination marks shall be released to candidates at the conclusion of the examination. Exceptions to this may be made where assessment takes place throughout the course. In such cases, examination boards must meet formally, with all members present, at interim points in the year in order to agree final marks for specified assessment components. Marks released as final marks may not subsequently be amended without permission of the Proctors.’

2. Ibid, l. 3, renumber existing clause 4 as 5.

3. Ibid, after l. 6, insert new clause:

‘6. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination. Candidates who have initially failed any element of assessment shall not normally be eligible for the award of distinction.’

Regulations for the Degree of Master of Studies

4. On p. 597, after l. 20, insert new clause:
5. Final examination marks shall be released to candidates at the conclusion of the examination. Exceptions to this may be made where assessment takes place throughout the course. In such cases, examination boards must meet formally, with all members present, at interim points in the year in order to agree final marks for specified assessment components. Marks released as final marks may not subsequently be amended without permission of the Proctors.

5. Ibid, l. 21, renumber existing clause 5 as 6.

6. Ibid, delete ll. 24 – 26 and substitute (new text has been underlined; deleted text has been struck through):

‘6. A board shall have power to authorise by regulation the award by the examiners of distinctions to candidates in an examination under its supervision.

7. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination. Candidates who have initially failed any element of assessment shall not normally be eligible for the award of distinction.’

Regulations for the Degree of Master of Science by Coursework

8. On p. 675, delete ll.1-34, and substitute (new text has been underlined; deleted text has been struck through):

‘The subjects of each examination shall be determined by regulation by the board concerned, which shall have power to arrange lectures and courses of instruction for the examination. The examination shall consist of:

— (i) a written dissertation on a subject approved by the board or by a person or persons to whom the board may delegate the function of giving such approval;

— (ii) a written examination;

— (iii) an oral examination;

provided that a board shall have power by regulation to exclude any one of parts (i), (ii), or (iii) from the examination for a particular course of study and to authorize the examiners to dispense individual candidates from the oral examination. This provision notwithstanding, the examiners may, if they deem it expedient, set a candidate a further written examination after examining the candidate orally.

2. No candidate shall be permitted to take an examination under the preceding clause unless he or she has been admitted as a candidate for the examination in question by the body responsible for the course and has satisfied any other conditions prescribed in the regulations for that course.

3. Unless otherwise provided in this subsection, the number and distribution of examiners shall be as set out in Sect. II. A, §1, cl. 8 of this chapter. A board shall have power to prescribe that examiners be appointed for candidates individually in such manner as shall be appropriate for the particular course of study.

3. Final examination marks shall be released to candidates at the conclusion of the examination. Exceptions to this may be made where assessment takes place throughout the course. In such cases, examination boards must meet formally, with all members present, at interim points in the year in order to agree final marks for specified assessment components. Marks released as final marks may not subsequently be amended without permission of the Proctors.

4. A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in the examination may enter again
for the examination on one, but not more than one, subsequent occasion.

5. A board may prescribe by regulation that students undertaking a particular course of study shall take the examination in a specific term as a condition of admission, and a student wishing to take an examination later than the one to which he or she has been admitted must apply to the board for permission to do so.

5. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination. Candidates who have initially failed any element of assessment shall not normally be eligible for the award of distinction."