MPLS Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of: Statistics Teaching Committee

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation
Honour School of Mathematics & Statistics

Brief note about nature of change:
(i) Change to progression requirements
(ii) Change to outcomes for Part C

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2017: http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/hsomathandstat/administratorview/

Effective date
For students starting from: FHS from Michaelmas term 2018
For first examination from Part C in 2020-2021

Detail of change
1. Amend citation reference 1.8
5. The Examiners shall assess and publish the combined results of the examinations in for Part A and Part B, and in respect of candidates taking the four-year course shall separately classify and publish results for Part C. Candidates will have their outcomes determined in accordance with Part 17 of the Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations, with candidates for Part A and B combined considered for Honours and candidates for Part C considered for the same outcomes as graduate taught programmes.
2. Amend citation reference 1.11
(b) In order to proceed to Part C, a candidate must achieve upper second class Honours or higher in
Parts A and B together, and must achieve an upper second class Honours or higher in Part B alone (as defined in the Examination Conventions).

3. Amend citation reference 1.14

A candidate on the four-year course adjudged worthy of Honours on both Parts A and B together, and who passes Part C may supplicate for the degree of Master of Mathematics in Mathematics and Statistics provided that the candidate has fulfilled all the conditions for admission to a degree of the University.

4. Amend citation reference 1.15

A candidate in the final year of the four-year course, adjudged worthy of Honours in both Parts A and B together, but who does not enter Part C, or who fails Part C, is permitted to supplicate for the Honours degree of Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Statistics with the classification obtained in Parts A and B together; provided that no such candidate may later enter or re-enter the Part C year or supplicate for the degree of Master of Mathematics in Mathematics and Statistics; and provided in each case that the candidate has fulfilled all the conditions for admission to a degree of the University.

5. Amend citation reference 4.19

Rules governing submission of any extended essay, dissertation or mini-project, including deadlines, provided that these shall always be submitted to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of Mathematics and Statistics, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. When submitting their Part C dissertation, candidates must submit both paper and electronic versions which must be identical. The latter may be used by the examiners to check for plagiarism. See in the Course Handbook the Department of Statistics’s website for further details. In addition any submission on a mathematical unit must also be submitted to the Mathematical Institute’s website, details will be included in the relevant Notice to Candidates.

Explanatory Notes

a) The hurdle to proceed to Part C will be raised slightly. Currently, a candidate must achieve upper second class Honours or higher in Parts A and B together in order to proceed to Part C. Candidates will be required to obtain an upper second or higher in Part B alone, alongside upper second class Honours or higher in Parts A and B together, in order to proceed to Part C. A definition of what constitutes an upper second or higher in Part B alone will be added to the Examination Conventions.

b) Students are currently classified as either First/2.1/2.2/Third/Pass/Fail on the basis of their performance in Part C. Students will be awarded a Distinction/Merit/Pass/Fail on the basis of their performance in Part C.