

Changes to Examination Regulations 2018

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Medical Sciences Board

Approved: GSC – 24th May 2018

Title of Programme / Examination: MSc in International Health & Tropical Medicine

Brief note about nature of change:

- Change to assessment for one option.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2018 (for first examination in 2019)

Location of change: Examination Regulations 2017~~6~~

Details of change:

'International Health and Tropical Medicine

1. The Divisional Board of Medical Sciences will appoint for the supervision of the course an Organising Committee, which will have the power to arrange lectures and other instruction.
2. The Organising Committee will appoint for each candidate an academic adviser.
3. Each candidate must follow a course of study in International Health and Tropical Medicine for at least three terms and for a substantial part of the three subsequent vacations, as determined by the course timetable.
4. Candidates will be examined in all of the following ways:
 - (i) A written examination paper relating to Paradigms and Tools for Global Health.
 - (ii) A written examination paper relating to Challenges and Change in International Health, and Global Health Research and Practice.
 - (iii) For all options except Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases: Two-One printed essays of 3,000-4,000 words ~~each~~ (excluding bibliography, references, tables and figures). The topic ~~for each of the two essays~~ of the essay must be selected from a choice of titles approved by the Organising Committee and based on the optional modules studied as set out in the Schedule.
For the Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases module: A computer program or piece of mathematical analysis (both of which are the equivalent of 1,000 words) accompanied by a short report of 2,000 to 3,000 words.
 - ~~(iii)~~(iv) A printed dissertation of not more than 10,000 words (excluding references, tables, figures, bibliography, and appendices) on the research project as set out in the Schedule below. The research project and the subject of the dissertation must have been approved by the Organising Committee.
5. Candidates may be examined viva voce and this examination will take place on dates to be determined by the examiners.

6. The arrangements for approval of written work for submission will be notified to candidates not later than the start of the Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken.
7. Candidates will submit their two essays online via Weblearn. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration of the candidate's authorship.
8. Three copies of the dissertation must be sent to the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc. in International Health and Tropical Medicine, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by dates to be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the *University Gazette* not later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration of the candidate's authorship. In addition, candidates are required to email a Word version of the dissertation at msc.ihm@ndm.ox.ac.uk by the same deadline.
9. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.
10. A candidate who fails any of the written examination papers will be permitted to re-sit the failed component(s) on one further occasion, during September of the Long Vacation of the same academic year as their original examination attempt. A candidate who fails any of the submitted assessments will be permitted to re-submit the failed component(s) on one further occasion, at the time these assessments are submitted during the following academic year.
11. The examiners will retain one copy of each dissertation of each successful candidate for deposit in the Radcliffe Science library.

Schedule

A. Core Modules

1. Paradigms and Tools for Global Health
2. Challenges and Change in International Health
3. Global Health Research and Practice

B. ~~Optional Modules~~Options

1. Vaccinology
2. Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
3. International Development and Health
4. Health, Environment and Development
5. Case Studies in Field Epidemiology
6. Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases

- C. Research placement:* Students will produce a dissertation based on a research placement that will normally be undertaken overseas. A research placement supervisor will be assigned to each student in addition to their academic adviser. The subject of each student's dissertation, the research placement, and the supervision arrangements for each student must be approved by the Organising Committee.'

Explanatory Notes

The request for the change of assessment of the Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases came from the module lead who felt the suggested new assessment would be more appropriate (i.e. A computer program or piece of mathematical analysis (both of

which are the equivalent of 1,000 words) accompanied by a short report of 2,000 to 3,000 words, instead of a 3,000 to 4,000-word essay.