

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: Graduate School Committee 30th May 2017

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

Brief note about nature of change:

- To introduce a new module from Hilary Term 2018 on Mathematical Modelling
- To remove the Advanced Topics in Tropical Medicine module
- To change the format of submission of the extended essays from written to online
- To bring regulations governing the maximum number of words for essays in line with those for dissertation

Effective date: For students starting from 1 October 2017
For first examination from 2017-18.

Location of change: In *Examination Regulations 2016*

<https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosbciihandtropmedi/studentview/> MSc International Health and Tropical Medicine

Details of change:

Amend the below clauses as follows:

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) Two printed essays of 3,000-4,000 words each (excluding bibliography, references, tables and figures). The topic for each of the two essays 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.
 - (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, 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.

7. 8. Three copies of each of the required written submissions 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.

~~8-9.~~ 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.

~~9-10.~~ The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

~~10-11.~~ 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

- ~~1. Advanced Topics in Tropical Medicine~~
- ~~2-1.~~ Vaccinology
- ~~3-2.~~ Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
- ~~4-3.~~ International Development and Health
- ~~5-4.~~ ~~Health, Environment and Development, Environment and Health~~
- ~~6-5.~~ 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 new module (Mathematical Modelling) will support capacity building efforts related to educating those in global health policy and practice on the methods of uses of mathematical modelling. It will also provide students with the opportunity to gain important practical skills, which will make them more attractive to future employers.

It has been decided to remove module 'Advanced Topics in Tropical Medicine' as there is now an external diploma in tropical medicine run by the Royal College of Physicians that Oxford students may sit.