

Changes to Examination Regulations 2018 2017

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Education Committee; Medical Sciences Board

Approved: By MSD GSC on 24th May 2018

Title of Examination: MSc in Global Health Science and Epidemiology

Brief note about nature of change: To make minor changes to the MSc in Global Health Science and Epidemiology

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2018 2017

Location of change: In *Examination Regulations* available here:
<https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mosbciglobhealscie/studentview/>

Details of change:

Minor change.

Global Health Science

1. The Divisional Board of Medical Sciences will appoint an Organising Committee to supervise the course ~~for the supervision of an Organising Committee~~, which will have the power to arrange lectures and other instruction.
2. The Organising Committee of the course will appoint an academic adviser for each candidate.
3. Each candidate must follow a course of study in Global Health Science and Epidemiology for at least three terms and for a substantial part of the three subsequent vacations, as determined by the course timetable.
4. Candidates shall be examined in all of the following ways:
 - (i) A report of not more than 2500 words on an analysis of a dataset based on a research question approved by the Examination Board and based on material studied in the Principles of Statistics and Principles of Epidemiology modules. Additionally, candidates must submit an annotated copy of all statistical code ~~the Stata code~~ used for the data analysis.
 - (ii) An assignment of not more than ~~essay of a maximum of~~ 4000 words selected from a choice of topics ~~essay titles~~ approved by the Examination Board and based on the modules studied as set out in the Schedule.
 - (iii) A written examination paper relating to the Principles of Epidemiology, and the Principles of Statistics.
 - (iv) A written examination paper, relating to Advanced Global Health Science, relating to the remaining modules set out in the Schedule, with the exception of Principles of Epidemiology, and Principles of Statistics modules.
 - (v) A printed dissertation of not more than 10,000 words on a ~~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 of the course.

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 of the dissertation will be notified to candidates ~~at not later than~~ the start of the Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken.
7. The written submissions for assessment (i) and (ii) must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the appropriate section of the course WebLearn site by the dates to be specified by the Organising Committee of the course 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 by the candidate.
8. Three copies of the Dissertation must be sent to the Chair of Examiners, MSc in Global Health Science and Epidemiology, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by the date to be specified by the Organising Committee of the course 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 authorship by the candidate. ~~'s authorship~~
9. ~~The examiners may award distinctions in the whole examination.~~
10. ~~The examiners will retain one copy of each dissertation of each successful candidate for deposit in the Radcliffe Science Library.~~

Schedule

1. Introduction to Global Health Science
2. Principles of Epidemiology
3. Principles of Statistics
4. Non-Communicable Diseases
5. Communicable Diseases
6. Maternal and Child Health
7. Health Economics
8. Clinical Trials and Meta-Analyses
9. Nutritional Epidemiology
10. Implementation Strategies
11. Record Linkage and Bio-Informatics
12. Genetic Epidemiology
13. International Research Ethics

Research Project: A research project will be conducted under the supervision of a research placement supervisor. Following the written examinations, students will undertake reading and research in relation to their research project during Trinity Term and part of the long vacation. ~~Following the written examinations students may elect to go on an overseas research placement during Trinity Term and the Long Vacation, though this is not a requirement of the course.~~ The subject of each student's dissertation, ~~an overseas placement~~, and the supervision arrangements for each student must be approved by the Organising Committee of the course.

Explanatory Notes:

[1.2] The change makes it clearer that the Organising Committee is the one for this particular MSc.

[1.3] It reflects the change in the course title.

[1.5] Stata is still used as the main statistical package, but students have been required to submit any computer codes that they have used in the analysis (e.g. Excel). This change

will make it clearer to the students.

[1.8] The title of the examination paper is Advanced Global Health Science. The change should help clarify it further that the written exam paper may include questions from any of the modules except Principles of Statistics and Principles of Epidemiology.

[1.9] The change makes it clearer that the Organising Committee is the one for this particular MSc.

[1.11] The dates of submission of assignments and the dissertation (i.e. except the written exam papers) will be notified to the students before the start of Michaelmas Term.

[1.12] There is now a dedicated WebLearn site for the submission of summative assessments, which is different from the course WebLearn site. The change is meant to clarify the situation. The other change in this Section makes it clearer that the Organising Committee is the one for this particular MSc.

[1.13] The change reflects the change of the course title in 2018/19 to the MSc in Global Health Science and Epidemiology.

[1.14] It is removed as outlined in Section 10 of the EdC circular

[1.15] Previously we have checked with the Bodleian Library and they have confirmed that they will not be archiving dissertations from taught MSc courses. Section 10 is therefore not applicable and should be removed accordingly.

Changes to Schedule:

[1.29] Students can have the option to conduct their research placement within the department or outside the department (in the UK or elsewhere). Given there is such flexibility we believe it is not necessary to single out overseas placement in the Regulations.