

Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of:

Approved by MPLS Division, May 2017 Statistics Teaching Committee, 20 January 2017 and Statistics Departmental Committee, 31 January 2017

Title of Programme:

Honour School of Mathematics and Statistics

Brief note about nature of change:

Change the Mathematics and Statistic (Part C) dissertation weighting to count as 2 units rather than 3 units.

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2016 <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/hsomathandstat/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting FHS from MT 2015 (Part C MT 2017)

For first examination from 2017-2018

Detail of change

Amend citation reference 4.1 and 4.2 as follows below:

^{4.1}In Part C each candidate shall offer a total of ~~five~~ six units from the schedule of units for Part C (see below), and each candidate shall also offer a dissertation on a statistics project.

- ^{4.2}(a) The ~~five~~ six units offered should be from those designated as M level.
- ^{4.3}(b) At least one unit should be offered from the schedule of 'Statistics' units.

Explanatory Notes

The department of Statistics would like to align the dissertation with Mathematics Part C whereby the dissertation counts as 2 units out of 8. Currently Mathematics and Statistics count as 3 out of 8 units. There is no increase in workload, simply the move is from 3+5 units to 2+6 units. Therefore students should only be spending 25% of their time on the dissertation, rather than 37.5% at present. This change would bring it in line with Mathematics Part C. The Department consulted with its students by provided a briefing with slides about the Part C dissertation and all those who did not attend were emailed the slides.