Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 10th July 2015

Title of Examination: MSc in Radiation Biology

Brief note about nature of change:

(1) To update the regulations for accuracy.

(2) To clarify the timing of re-sits for each component and to amend submission deadline of the 3,000 word assignment.

(3) To create a new sub-paragraph for greater clarity.

(4) To remove redundant (due to the introduced changes) clause.

Effective date:

- **For all students on course from Michaelmas Term 2015**

- **For first examination from 2015-16**

Location of change:

Examination Regulations 2014-15:
{   HYPERLINK   "http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2014-15/mosbcinradibiol/studentview/" **}**
MSc in Radiation Biology

Details of change:

1. In Examination Regulations, 2014-15,
{   HYPERLINK   "http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2014-15/mosbcinradibiol/studentview/" **}**
MSc in Radiation Biology, delete clause 3, and substitute:

'3. Each candidate shall follow a course of study in Radiation Biology for at least three terms and for a substantial part of the three subsequent vacations, as determined by the course timetable. The Course Director will provide a list showing the extent to which each candidate has satisfied these requirements.'

2. Ibid., delete clauses 4(i)-4(iii), and substitute:

'(i) Each candidate must pass a qualifying examination at the end of Michaelmas

Term. The examination shall be on modules 1-6 in the Schedule. Candidates who fail the qualifying examination once shall be permitted to re-take it on one further occasion only in Week 0 of Hilary Term.

(ii) Each candidate will be required to submit to the examiners two copies of a typewritten or printed assignment of 3,000 words by noon, Friday of Week 6 of Hilary Term. A choice of assignment titles will be provided to students by Week 8 of Michaelmas Term. Candidates must pass this assignment in order to proceed with the course. Those who fail the assignment shall be permitted to re-take it on one further occasion only. The assignment should be re-submitted by noon, Friday of Week 8 of Trinity Term. The assignment will account for 15 per cent of the final marks.

(iii) Each candidate must pass a three-hour written examination at the end of Hilary Term (normally in Week 9). The examination shall be on the modules set out in the Schedule. In order to proceed with the course, candidates who fail the examination shall be permitted to re-take it on one further occasion only in Week 0 of Trinity Term. The examination will account for 25 per cent of the final marks.'

3. Ibid., delete clause *c.* (citation reference 1.11), and substitute:

'*c.* Each candidate will be examined viva voce by the examiners.

The dissertation, presentation and viva voce will be given a single grade and account for 60 per cent of the final marks. Candidates must pass this component and those who fail this component once shall be permitted to re-take it on one further occasion only at the times these elements are examined during the following academic year.'

4. Ibid., delete clause 5 and renumber clauses 6, 7, and 8 accordingly.

Explanatory Notes

1. To update the regulations for accuracy in line with departmental procedures.

2. It has been decided that moving the submission deadline of the extended essay from week 8 to 6 of Hilary Term will benefit both students and examiners. It minimises overlap with revision and revision tutorials towards the written examination (timing outlined in clause 4(iii)) and facilitates marking of exam questions, to enable candidates that have failed to be informed in good time and maximise revision time prior to second attempt.

   Timings of re-sits were clarified in response to request issued by the Education Policy Support Section.

3. A new sub-paragraph was created to improve clarity of regulations relating to the component incorporating dissertation, presentation and viva voce examination and to introduce clarification relating to timing of re-sits for this component.

4. Due to the above clarifications of timings for re-sits, clause 5 became redundant.