

Mathematical, Physical & Life Sciences (MPLS) Division

Software Engineering Programme

Reinstating the Postgraduate Certificate and the Postgraduate Diploma as entry points to the Software Engineering Programme, removal of obsolete regulations and renumbering.

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2015, for the first examination from 2015-16

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2014, pages 710-713, as amended by the Gazette of 9 October 2014

Detail of change

B.5

Entry to the Programme is to the M.Sc., [Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate](#) in Software Engineering, ~~or~~ the M.Sc., [Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate](#) in Software and Systems Security, ~~or the Postgraduate Certificate in Object Technology.~~

B.6

[Based on satisfactory performance and w](#)With the approval of the Programme Director, a candidate may transfer from the M.Sc., [Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate](#) in Software Engineering to the M.Sc., [Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate](#) in Software and Systems Security, or ~~from the M.Sc. in Software and Systems Security to the M.Sc. in Software Engineering~~ [vice versa](#), subject to being eligible to study for the relevant award as set out in sections C and D below. [Transfer is also permitted from the Postgraduate Certificate in Object Technology to one of Postgraduate Certificates or Postgraduate Diplomas set out in clause 3 above.](#)

B.7

[Based on satisfactory performance and w](#)With the approval of the Programme Director, a candidate for the M.Sc. in Software Engineering or for the M.Sc. in Software and Systems Security may be awarded one of the Postgraduate Certificates or Postgraduate Diplomas set out in clause 3 above, [or a candidate for the Postgraduate Diploma in in Software Engineering or Software and Systems Security may be awarded one of the Postgraduate Certificates set out in clause 3 above.](#) subject to such a candidate having satisfied the criteria for the award of the relevant Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma as set out in sections C and D below.

D.12

~~Students on the Register shall enter for the examination for the award of the M.Sc., unless they have been given approval under clause 7 above to be awarded one of the Postgraduate Certificates or Postgraduate Diplomas.~~

D.123

Schedules A-C of modules will be published at <http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/softeng/handbook/schedules.html>. If insufficient students register for a module the Programme Director may make the decision not to offer that module.

D.134

Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

D. 145

Provided the Supervisory Committee is satisfied that a candidate has undertaken equivalent study, of an appropriate standard, normally at another institution of higher education, the committee shall have the discretion to permit the candidate to be exempted from attending, and submitting the written assignment for, modules chosen from Schedule A, B, or C, as required under clause [123](#) above as follows:

D. 156

Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce examination as part of the examination for each award at the discretion of the examiners.

D. 167

The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination for each award.

D. 178

Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the assignments under clause [134](#) above may be permitted to resubmit work in respect of part or parts of the examination which they have failed for examination on not more than one occasion which shall normally be within one year of the initial failure. No written assignment shall be submitted to the examiners on more than one occasion.

E.189

[If a candidate who was awarded of one of the Postgraduate Certificates or Postgraduate](#)

Diplomas (set out in clause 3 above) is readmitted to one of the M.Sc.s (set out in clause 3 above), then the following apply:

~~In the exceptional circumstances that a candidate granted approval under clause 7 above to be awarded of one of the Postgraduate Certificates or Postgraduate Diplomas (set out in clause 3 above) is readmitted to one of the M.Sc.s (set out in clause 3 above), then the following apply:~~

F. 1920

In the case of a candidate who is readmitted they will be subject to the Examination Conventions in force at the date of their readmission.

Explanatory Notes

The changes install Postgraduate Certificates and Postgraduate Diplomas as additional entry awards, whereas previously they were only available as exit awards.