

MPLS Divisional Board

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Science by Coursework in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics

Brief note about nature of change:

- (i) Amendment to resit regulations
- (ii) Re-wording of mentions to 'part' and 'courses' to 'units' to align the regulations with the terminology used in the examination conventions and course handbook
- (iii) Amendment to the the oral presentation being at the end of the course of studies to during the course of studies, as further examinations are scheduled after the oral presentation.
- (iv) Removal of highlighting that a distinction may be awarded, as with the introduction of the merit classification, students can now be awarded a Distinction, Merit , Pass or Fail and the criteria needed to be met to achieve each classification is explained in full detail in the course handbook.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2018*

Effective date

For students starting from: 2019-20

For first examination from : 2019-20

Detail of change**Amendment to Clause 5:**

Each candidate shall follow a course of study in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics for ~~at least~~ **at least** three terms.

Amendment to Clause 6

6. Candidates will complete and be assessed on ~~the following parts~~ units according to the following

- (...)
- (ii) At least four units will be assessed by written, invigilated examinations ~~which will take place~~. Examination details will be published in the Course Handbook.
- (...)
- (iv) The other units will be assessed by marked course work, take-home papers or mini-projects. The Course Handbook will specify which units will be assessed by each method mentioned above and ~~sets will set out~~ sets will set out the rules governing submission of coursework. ~~In addition, for certain courses, an electronic copy may be required. Electronic submission may be required for some units.~~ Details of the ~~courses~~ units to which this applies, and instructions for the online submission process will be included in the relevant Notice to Candidates, ~~that applies to the candidates of the MSc of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics.~~
- (v) Candidates will be required to attend an oral examination ~~at the end of~~ during their course of studies.

Removal of Clause 7

- ~~7. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.~~

Amendment to Clause 8

- ~~7. 8.~~ A candidate who fails to satisfy the Examiners may retake the examination on at most one subsequent occasion, ~~not later than one year after the initial attempt.~~ This resit attempt shall normally be taken at the next opportunity, but may be deferred once, i.e. it must be taken at one of the next two opportunities. In such a case the examiners will specify at the time of failure which components of the examination may or must be redone.

Renumber Clause 9 as Clause 8

Explanatory Notes

The MSc in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics examination regulations have been amended to be more aligned with the examination regulations for the FHS in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics, as the both groups of students can undertake the same assessments and are assessed identically.

With the introduction of the merit classification, specific mentions to a Distinction or Pass being the only options awarded at the end of the degree have been removed. Students can find a comprehensive description of the criteria needed to be met to achieve a Pass, Merit

or Distinction in the course handbook.