Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved on 12th November 2018

Title of Programme:
MSc in Integrated Immunology

Brief note about nature of change:
Minor amendment to assessment title

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2018 [https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/mosbcininteimmu/studentview/]

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2018
[And]
For first examination from 2018-19

Detail of change
Amend the regulation as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

[1.1]1. The Divisional Board of Medical Sciences shall appoint for the supervision of the course an Organising Committee, which shall have the power to arrange the teaching, assessment and other instruction.

[1.2]2. The Organising Committee shall appoint an academic mentor for each candidate.

[1.3]3. Each candidate shall:

[1.4](a) follow a course of study in Integrated Immunology for at least three terms and for a substantial part of the three vacations, as determined by the course timetable;

[1.5](b) attend all organised sessions including lectures, tutorials, class-directed learning,
problem-based learning and continuing professional development sessions which will be compulsory (a record of attendance is kept).

[1.6]4. Candidates shall be examined in all of the following ways:

[1.7](i) At the end of Michaelmas Term (normally in Week 10), each candidate must pass a computer-based examination on the topics in the Schedule for Term 1. Candidates who fail the examination once will be permitted to take it again on one further occasion, normally in Week 0 of Hilary Term, in order to proceed with the course.

[1.8](ii) At the end of Hilary Term (normally in Week 10), each candidate must pass a computer-based examination on the topics in the Schedule for Term 2. Candidates who fail the examination once will be permitted to take it again on one further occasion, normally in Week 0 of Trinity Term, in order to proceed with the course.

[1.9](iii) Each candidate will be required to submit to the examiners two copies of a printed essay of not more than 4,000 words by noon, Monday of Week 8 of Michaelmas Term. The subject of the essay must have been approved by the Examining Board. Each candidate shall make a public presentation on their essay to the examiners and will be examined viva voce, at the end of Michaelmas Term at a time to be notified by the examiners. Candidates will have the opportunity to revise and re-submit their essay by noon, Friday of the week preceding Week 0 of Hilary Term, in the event that they are deemed not to have passed this element of the examination.

[1.10](iv) Each candidate will be required to submit to the examiners two printed copies of two clinical commentaries of not more than 3,000 words each by noon, Monday of Week 8 of Hilary Term. The subjects of the clinical commentaries must have been approved by the Examining Board. Each candidate will be required to make a public presentation of one of their commentaries and will be examined viva voce, at the end of Hilary Term at a time to be notified by the examiners. Candidates will have the opportunity to revise and re-submit their clinical commentaries by noon, Friday of the week preceding Week 0 of Trinity Term, in the event that they are deemed not to have passed this element of the examination.

[1.11](v) Each candidate will be required to submit to the examiners two copies of a printed research dissertation of not more than 10,000 words (excluding bibliography and appendices) on the research project selected for study as set out in the Schedule. The dissertation must be submitted by noon on the last Monday of July in the academic year in which the examination is taken.

[1.12](vi) Each candidate shall make a presentation of their research project and will be examined viva voce, normally in the first week of September in the year of examination on a date to be determined by the examiners. Under exceptional circumstances, candidates may be permitted to redo the research project and/or resubmit the research dissertation to an Examining Board sitting in Michaelmas, Hilary or Trinity Term of the following year (and which will be according to the Examiners’ discretion in each case), in the event they are deemed not to have reached the required standard.

[1.13]5. The examiners may examine any candidate viva voce on any part of the examination.
6. Candidates must pass each element of the examination to pass overall.

7. Candidates must pass each element of the examination in each term before being permitted to progress to the next term.

8. Candidates will be allowed one opportunity to retake or resubmit each of the required elements should they fail to reach the necessary standard. Students failing to pass any element on the second attempt will normally be judged to have failed to reach the necessary standard for the award.

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

10. The required written submissions must be sent to the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc. in Integrated Immunology, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford.

Schedule

The syllabus for study will be:

Term 1: Fundamental aspects of immunology

The dynamic anatomy of immunity

Innate immunity

Antigen presentation and recognition

Adaptive immunity

Phylogenetically ancient systems

Term 2: Clinical and Applied Aspects of Immunology

Infection and immunity

Failure of immunity

Aberrant and unwanted immunity

The immunology of cancer

Manipulation of immunity

Term 3: A basic or clinical research project

The project will be chosen in consultation with the Organising Committee. A research supervisor will be assigned who will provide regular supervision and guidance during the course of the 14-week laboratory-based research project in Oxford.

Explanatory Notes
Change in paper title to more accurately reflect content.

Please note, a further change is being made related to the submission deadline for the dissertation for the 2019-20 Examination Regulations. This change makes provision for the submission deadline to be published annually in the Gazette rather than setting a fixed date in the Examination Regulations (see Gazette notice 1819-02-MPT).