Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of the Graduate School Committee on 01.06.21

Title of Programme/Examination: Master of Science by Coursework in International Health and Tropical Medicine

Brief note about nature of change:
Amendment to include the addition of one optional module and to modify the title of one optional module.

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2020:
https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosbciihandtropmedi&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2020&term=1

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2021
And
For first examination from 2021-22

Detail of change
1. The Divisional Board of Medical Sciences will appoint for the supervision of the course an Organising Committee, which will have the power to arrange lectures and other instruction.

2. The Organising Committee will appoint for each candidate an academic adviser.

3. Each candidate must follow a course of study in International Health and Tropical Medicine for at least three terms and for a substantial part of the three subsequent vacations, as determined by the course timetable.

4. Candidates will be examined in all of the following ways:

(ii) An online submission in the form of a 2,000-2,500 word piece of written work with an additional 300 word executive summary, to be completed within 48 hours of receipt of the examination questions, relating to Challenges and Change in International Health, and Global Health Research and Practice. The online submission will be done via the authorised online submission site.

(iii) For all options except Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases: One printed essay of 3,000-4,000 words (excluding bibliography, references, tables and figures). The topic of the essay must be selected from a choice of titles approved by the Organising Committee and based on the optional modules studied as set out in the Schedule.

For the Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases module: A computer program or piece of mathematical analysis (both of which are the equivalent of 1,000 words) accompanied by a short report of 2,000 to 3,000 words.

(iv) A type-written dissertation of not more than 10,000 words (excluding references, tables, figures, bibliography and appendices) on the research project as set out in the Schedule below. The research project and the subject of the dissertation must have been approved by the Organising Committee.

5. Candidates may be examined viva voce and this examination will take place on dates to be determined by the examiners.

6. The arrangements for approval of written work for submission will be notified to candidates not later than the start of the Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken.

7. Candidates will submit their two essays online via the authorised online submission site, by dates to be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the University Gazette not later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration of the candidate's authorship.

8. Candidates will submit the dissertation online via the authorised online submission site. The submission must be accompanied by a declaration of the candidate's authorship.

9. A candidate who fails the written examination paper described in section 4 (i) or the online submission described in section 4 (ii) will be permitted to re-sit the failed component(s) on one further occasion, during September of the Long Vacation of the same academic year as their original examination attempt. A candidate who fails any of the submitted assessments will be permitted to re-submit the failed component(s) on one further occasion, ideally within the same academic year before the final examination board or alternatively at the time these assessments are submitted during the following academic year.

Schedule
A. Core Modules
   1. Paradigms and Tools for Global Health
   2. Challenges and Change in International Health
   3. Global Health Research and Practice
B. Options
1. Vaccinology
2. Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
3. International Development and Health
4. Development, Environment and Health
5. Case Studies in Field Epidemiology
6. Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases
7. Clinical Research During Outbreaks
8. Health Management

C. Research placement: Students will produce a dissertation based on a research placement that will normally be undertaken overseas. A research placement supervisor will be assigned to each student in addition to their academic adviser. The subject of each student’s dissertation, the research placement, and the supervision arrangements for each student must be approved by the Organising Committee.

Explanatory Notes

1. To include the addition of an optional module: Health Management.

2. To modify the title of an optional module to better reflect the content of the module: Clinical Research during Outbreaks, instead of Research during Outbreaks.