Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of Undergraduate Studies Committee on 04.06.21

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]]
Honour School of Medical Sciences

Brief note about nature of change: Minor amendments to assessment.

Location of change
https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsofmediscie&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2017&term=1

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2019
And
For first examination from 2021-22

Detail of change
1. Amend citation 1.14 as follows:
   Paper 3 shall be of three hours and fifteen minutes duration and shall have questions relating to pieces of primary literature. The first fifteen minutes will consist of reading time.

2. Amend citation 1.25 as follows:
   Each project shall be supervised, and the topic and supervisor shall be approved on behalf of the Medical Sciences Board by the Director of Pre-clinical Studies or their deputy. A list of approved project titles and their supervisors shall be published no later than Friday of Week 1 of Hilary Term in the academic year preceding the examination, and allocation of these projects to candidates shall be carried out through the Faculty of Physiological Sciences Undergraduate Studies Office.

3. Amend citation 1.26 as follows:
As an alternative to the allocation process, a candidate may apply to undertake a project that is not on the approved list. Such an application for approval must be made no later than Friday of Week 8 of Hilary Term in the academic year preceding the examination. The candidate must submit the title of their proposed research project, provide a brief outline of the subject matter and supply details of supervision arrangements. The decision on the application shall be made by the Director of Pre-clinical Studies or their deputy and shall be communicated to the candidate as soon as possible, and work should not start on the project until approval has been given. Candidates should allow at least one week for the process of approval, and should bear in mind that an application may be referred for clarification or may be refused.

4. Amend citation 1.33 as follows:

Project Reports must be submitted via the University approved online submission system WebLearn (according to the instructions set out in the letter to candidates from the Chair of Examiners), not later than noon on the Friday of Week 8 of the Hilary Term in which the candidate intends to take the examination. Each Report shall be accompanied by a certificate of authorship indicating that the Research Project is the candidate's own work. Where work has been produced in collaboration, the certificate shall indicate the extent of the candidate’s own contribution.

5. Amend citation 1.49 as follows:

Essays must be submitted via the University approved online submission system WebLearn (according to the instructions set out in the letter to candidates from the Chair of Examiners), not later than noon on the Friday of Week 0 of the Trinity Term in which the candidate intends to take the examination. Each essay shall be accompanied by a certificate of authorship as specified in the preceding paragraph.

**Explanatory Notes**

The changes propose an additional fifteen minutes of reading time for Paper 3, to allow students time to select the research article they wish to critically appraise before they begin answering questions. References to a project allocation system have been removed, as a system is no longer in existence, although help is provided to students experiencing difficulty finding a project. References to WebLearn for submissions have been amended.