

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Divisional Board**Approved by Chair's action****Research Degrees in Mathematical Sciences (Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics)**

Brief note about nature of change: minor amendment required to MPLS special regulations for Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics transfer of status to provide clarification and more detail about what is expected. Also small amendment required for confirmation of status to confirm the correct term this is required by.

Effective date

With effect from MT18 for all students on course

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2018/19

<https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/rdinmathscie/>, citation 1.12 and 1.37

Detail of change

Under 3. *Admission to the status of Student for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy*. **Category A**

Please delete:

In this category the written work submitted shall consist of a short dissertation on a topic selected in consultation with the supervisor. The preferred length for the Departments of Computer Science and Statistics being between twenty-five and fifty typed pages (or fifteen to thirty printed pages of TEX, depending on font used. For the Department of Mathematics the preferred length is between 25-50 pages of TeX with a font no smaller than 11pt.

And replace with:

In this category the written work submitted for Computer Science shall be a qualifying dissertation, consisting of an extensive literature review and a thesis proposal. There is no formal word limit, but as a rough guide, the literature review should be around 5000 words (or more), and the thesis proposal should be around 6 pages. For Mathematics & Statistics the written work submitted shall consist of a short dissertation on a topic selected in consultation with the supervisor. For the Departments of Mathematics and Statistics the preferred length is between 25-50 pages of TeX with a font no smaller

than 11pt.

Under 5. Confirmation of D.Phil. status

Please delete eighth and replace with ninth in the following section.

'Confirmation of D.Phil. Student status, which will normally take place by the end of the ~~eighth~~ ninth term after that in which the candidate was admitted as a Probationer Research Student, will take the form of an oral examination with two assessors appointed by the board, based on the candidate's own written report of progress.'

Explanatory Notes minor amendment required to MPLS special regulations for Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics transfer of status to provide clarification and more detail about what is expected. Also small amendment required for confirmation of status to confirm the correct term this is required by.