Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Ros Whiteley on 16.07.20

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]
Master of Science by Coursework in Musculoskeletal Sciences

Brief note about nature of change:

1) The removal of a formative assessment.

The University Education Policy Support has asked that formative assessments (i.e. assessments which do not count towards the final degree outcome) should not be included in the MSc Musculoskeletal Sciences Exam Regulations.

2) Replacing the requirement to submit hard copies of written assessments to the Examination Schools with online submissions to the virtual learning environment (VLE).

The current VLE is Weblearn, however the 2020-2022 cohort will be using Canvas. We have included the phrase “the virtual learning environment specified by the organising committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken” to allow for changes to the VLE used (Canvas may be replaced in the future).

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2019 – 2020: https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2019-20/mosbcinmuscscie/studentview/

Effective date

For students starting from MT2020
And
For first examination from 2020-21
Detail of change

1)  
- Amend citation reference 1.10 as follows

(a) Each candidate must submit, for assessment of their progress, a formative outline of their research proposal in the form of a ‘Grant Application’. The outline must be submitted in December on a date to be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the course handbook no later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken.

- Amend citation reference 1.11 as follows

(b) (a) Each candidate will be assessed on their presentation skills by means of a public oral presentation on his or her research topic. The presentation must take place in Trinity Term in March on a date to be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken.

- Amend citation reference 1.12 as follows

(c) (b) Each candidate must submit a written summative research proposal of no more than 10,000 words on a topic selected by the candidate and approved by the Organising Committee. The proposal must be submitted in June on a date to be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken.

- Amend citation reference 1.13 as follows

(d) (c) Each candidate must pass an examination in September on the date to be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken. The examination will comprise two elements: the first of these will consist of a one-hour computer-based assessment comprising multiple-choice questions; the second of these will constitute a two-hour written paper.

2)  
- Amend citation reference 1.17 as follows

9. The required written submissions must be sent to the Chair of Examiners, MSc in Musculoskeletal Sciences, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. Submissions must be accompanied by a declaration of authorship and originality.

9. The required written submissions must be uploaded to the virtual learning environment specified by the organising committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken. Submissions must be accompanied by an electronic declaration of authorship and originality. The assignment will be checked for plagiarism with a software programme called Turnitin.
**Explanatory Notes**

1) The formative assessment (i.e. assessments which do not count towards the final degree outcome) has been removed from the Exam Regulations in compliance with the University Education Policy Support.

2) The requirement to submit a hard copy of written assessments to the Exam Schools has been replaced by the submission to the online virtual learning environment.