Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation
Master of Science by Coursework in Clinical and Therapeutic Neuroscience

Brief note about nature of change: Change to the length of the qualifying examination; clarification of dissertations submission methods, that the poster from the first project will be assessed but will not contribute to final marks, and that the journal club presentations are compulsory.

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2019:
https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosbcicandtherneur&srchYear=2019&srchTerm=1&year=2019&term=1

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2020 and first examination from 2020-2021

Detail of change
4. Candidates shall be examined in all of the following ways:

(i) each candidate must pass a qualifying examination at the end of Michaelmas term. This will consist of one two three-hour computer-based ‘Best Answer Question’ paper on the topics covered in Modules 1 and 2, as set out in the Schedule. Candidates who fail the qualifying examination once shall be permitted to take it again in the first week of Hilary term.

(ii) each candidate will be required to submit to the examiners online via the approved submission system a pdf of a typed essay of not more than 3,000 words on a topic chosen by the student and approved by the Organising Committee for each of the two modules in Hilary and Trinity terms (4 essays in total), as set out in the Schedule. Candidates must submit their essay titles for approval by the Organising Committee by deadlines determined by the Organising Committee and provided to students in the Examination Conventions.
(iii) each candidate will be required to submit to the examiners online via the approved submission system a pdf dissertation of not more than 6,000 words (excluding bibliography and appendices) on each of the two research projects chosen for study, as set out in the Schedule;

(iv) each candidate will be required to give a public poster presentation on each of their research projects, on dates to be determined by the Organising Committee. The poster presentation for the first research project is compulsory for each candidate but will not be formally assessed or contribute to the final marks. The poster presentation for the second research project is compulsory for each candidate and will be summatively assessed by viva voce.

(v) each candidate will be examined viva voce at their poster presentation of their second research project.

(vi) (v) each candidate will be required to participate in the compulsory Journal Club and give a presentation. Journal Club presentations will not contribute to final marks.

5. The dissertations on the first and second research projects must be submitted to the Chair of Examiners, online via the approved submission system, M.Sc. in Clinical and Therapeutic Neuroscience, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford by dates to be specified by the Organising Committee and which will be provided to students in the Examination Conventions. The essays for each module must be submitted online via the approved submission system by deadlines determined by the Organising Committee and provided to students in the Examination Conventions.

Schedule

(b) Therapeutic neuroscience courses

This will consist of four taught courses consisting of lectures, seminars, practical classes, and journal clubs, approved by the Organising Committee. Candidates will be required to attend some drug discovery lectures (specified by the Organising Committee) provided by the taught MSc in Pharmacology course, and will receive instruction on poster design and presentation, and dissertation reports.

Explanatory Notes

Changes have been made to clarify;

a. poster presentations for first project and Journal Club presentations are compulsory

b. poster presentations for first project will not be formally assessed and will not contribute to final marks

c. by what method students should submit their dissertations

d. the length of the qualifying examination