# Medical Sciences Divisional Board

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

**Brief note about nature of change:**
- Change the format of Paper 2 in section 4 (ii) from a written examination to an online submission of a written piece of work. This also affects the resit in section 9.
- Change of the submission mode of the dissertation from 3 copies submitted to the Examinations Schools to an online submission via the authorised online submission site. Sections 4 (iv) and 8.
- Removal of Section 10 given we will no longer receive a printed dissertation
- 1 additional option in Hilary Term: Research during Outbreaks

**Effective date:**

For students starting from MT 2020

And

For first examination from 2020-21

**Location of change:**
In Examination Regulations 2019
[https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosbciihandtropmedi&srchYear=2019&Term=1](https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosbciihandtropmedi&srchYear=2019&Term=1)

**Details 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) A written examination paper 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 printed typed-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 WebLearn authorised online submission site. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration of the candidate’s authorship.

8. Three copies of the dissertation must be sent to the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc. in International Health and Tropical Medicine, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, 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. In addition, candidates are required to email a Word version of the dissertation at msc.ihtm@ndm.ox.ac.uk by the same deadline. 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 any of the written examination papers 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 at the time these assessments are submitted during the following academic year.

10. The examiners will retain one copy of each dissertation of each successful candidate for deposit in the Radcliffe Science library.

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. Health, Environment and Development
5. Case Studies in Field Epidemiology
6. Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases
7. Research During Outbreaks

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

MSD has approved the change to the written examination relating to Challenges and Change, and Global Health Research and Practice. The finer details have yet to be finalised and confirmed.

MSD has approved the additional option.

We would like to change the mode of submission of the dissertation from the submission of 3 copies to an online submission to make it easier for the students. There is no need to hold paper copies of the dissertation.