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 Mathematics transfer report length. To make the regulations clear and more transparent.

Effective date
With effect from MT21 for all new students

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2019/20
https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=rdinmathscie, citation 1.12

Detail of change

Under 3. Admission to the status of Student for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, (iii) Category A

Please delete:
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.

And replace with:

For students admitted before 1 October 2021
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.

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more), and the thesis proposal should be around 6 pages. For Mathematics and Statistics the written work shall consist of a short dissertation on a topic selected in consultation with the supervisor. For the Department of Statistics the preferred length is between 25-50 pages of TeX with a font no smaller than 11pt. For the Mathematical Institute the preferred length is between 25-50 pages, with a strict upper bound of 50 pages, including bibliography, figures, tables and appendices, and with a font no smaller than 11pt. A candidate who wishes to exceed this page limit must write to the assessors for permission to submit a longer piece of written work, with an explanation of why this is necessary.

**Explanatory Notes**: minor amendment required to MPLS special regulations for Mathematics, in relation to the transfer report length to make it clearer about what is expected.