

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Divisional Board**Approved by Chair's action****19. Research Degrees in the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division****Research Degrees in Mathematical Sciences (Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics)**

Brief note about nature of change: The Department of Statistics would like to introduce integrated theses (including published papers) as a format for doctoral dissertations.

Effective date

With immediate effect

Location of changeIn *Examination Regulations 2015***Detail of change**

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Page 822, clause 6. *Thesis* - Please add the following as a new paragraph at the end, after line 43.

For students in *Statistics* a set of scientific papers prepared as for publication, but not necessarily yet published, that concern a common subject may constitute an acceptable thesis, provided that with the addition of an Introduction, General Discussion, and General Conclusions they constitute a coherent body of work. Such papers should either be incorporated as typescript pages or as offprints bound in to the body of the thesis. Papers written in collaboration should not be included unless the greater part of the work is directly attributed to the candidate himself or herself, and the supervisor so certifies. Joint papers may however be included as appendices in a thesis. Candidates should note that the acceptance of such material for publication does not of itself constitute proof that the work is of sufficient quality or significance to merit the award of the degree concerned. This remains a judgement of the relevant board on the recommendation of its examiners.

Candidates with some published work may also include that as part of a traditional thesis, normally as an appendix.

Approval to submit a thesis using this format must be sought in advance from the appropriate Director of Graduate Studies, and should have the support of their supervisor.

Explanatory Notes The Department of Statistics would like to give their students the option to be able to apply to submit an integrated theses (including published papers) as a format for doctoral dissertations. They have therefore requested to have the additional regulation added to the MPLS special regulations for Statistics. Student wishing to do this will have to seek approval from the Director of the Graduate Studies.