MPLS Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of Department's Undergraduate Supervisory Committee in weeks 1 and 5 of Michaelmas Term 2021, by JCCU in week 4, and approved by Faculty in week 6. Subsequently approved at MPLS Education Committee in Week 6 of Hilary Term 2022.

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Final Honour School Computer Science

Brief note about nature of change: Change to the assessment as follows:

1. Scaling down of projects and making the project optional.

2. Allowing students the choice to either complete a project or take two optional courses.

Location of change

Examination regulations 2022:
https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsofcompscie&srchYear=2021&srchTerm=1&year=2020&term=1

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2020

For students entering their third year in MT 2022

For first examination in TT 2023

Detail of change

[1.29]Each candidate shall either carry out a project on a topic in Computer Science approved by the Teaching Committee of the Department of Computer Science, or offer two additional option subjects, eight in total. Each project will be supervised by a member of the Faculty of Computer Science, the Faculty of Mathematics or the Faculty of Engineering Science, or by some other person of equivalent seniority approved by the Teaching Committee. The report of the project shall be submitted as specified in the Course Handbook by noon on Monday of the fourth week of the Trinity Term in which Part B of the examination is held. The report must not exceed 10,000 5000 words plus forty pages of additional material (e.g.

diagrams, program text). In retaking Part B of the examination, a project previously submitted for Part B may be resubmitted. No project may be resubmitted if it has already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another honour school or degree of the University, or of any other institution, or for any other Part of the examination.

Explanatory Notes

In recent years it had become apparent that conducting research and writing a project report had caused serious workload issues for students. This examination regulation change will give students the choice and decrease the workload for third-year students, both for those doing and not doing a project.