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Research Degrees Panel of Education Committee/Taught Degrees Panel of Education Committee

Approved at the meeting of Research Degrees Panel on 3 March 2023 and at the meeting of Taught Degrees Panel on 9 May 2023

General Regulations for the Degree of Master of Science by Coursework

Brief note about nature of change: Revisions to remove the possibility of students transferring from a postgraduate research programme to a postgraduate taught course without following an admissions process and being considered against a gathered field

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022*,
<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=grftdomosciebycour>

Effective date

For all students from Michaelmas term 2023 onwards

Detail of change

Amend section §2 (cit. ref. 1.8-1.9) as indicated, deleted text is ~~struck through~~, inserted text is underlined:

4. A student registered for any other graduate taught degree ~~higher degree or diploma~~ in the University may apply for transfer to the status of Student for the Degree of Master of Science by Coursework. The board concerned shall have power to make such transfer, provided that it is satisfied that the student is well qualified and well fitted to undertake the course of study for which application is made, and that the application has the support of the candidate's society. A candidate who transfers status in this way shall be reckoned as having held the status of Student for the Degree of Master of Science by Coursework from the time of admission to his or her previous status, unless the board shall determine otherwise.

~~5. A student holding the status of Probationer Research Student may, with the approval of the board which admitted him or her, be admitted as a candidate for an examination for the Degree of Master of Science by Coursework. Time spent as a student holding the~~

~~status of Probationer Research Student shall count as time spent working for the Degree of Master of Science.~~

Explanatory Notes

At their meetings in Hilary term 2023/Trinity term 2023, Research Degrees Panel/Taught Degrees Panel of Education Committee agreed that general regulations for postgraduate taught degrees should be revised to remove the possibility of students transferring from a postgraduate research programme to a postgraduate taught course without following an admissions process and being considered against a gathered field. Postgraduate research students who wish to apply to a postgraduate taught course will still be able to follow the usual admissions process.