

Mathematical, Physical & Life Sciences (MPLS) Division

Approved by Prof. Paul Goldberg via Chairs Action on 21.07.16

MSc in Computer Science

Brief note about nature of change: Minor corrections of regulation text to remove errors or clarify meaning

Effective date

For all MSc Computer Science students starting in MT 2016

Location of change

<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/mosbcincompscie/administratorview/>

Detail of change

1.16

10. Any candidate who has not achieved an average of at least 50 in their best four courses taken during Michaelmas and Hilary Term ~~by the beginning of Trinity Term~~ shall be deemed to have failed the degree course and will not be permitted to submit a dissertation.

Explanatory Notes

The main reason for this change is to clarify meaning; making it clear to the students that this hurdle is based on their results from MT and HT, and that any marks from a course taken in TT may not contribute to this hurdle.

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Divisional Board**Approved by Chair's action****Research Degrees in the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division****2. Confirmation of Status**

Brief note about nature of change: minor amendment required to MPLS regulations for confirmation of status to bring interview practices in line with new University policy.

Effective date

With immediate effect

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2015*

Detail of change

Section 19 - Research Degrees in the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division

1. Page 817 lines 35-38 (2. *Confirmation of Status*)

Delete:

“(iv) the assessor(s) may request to interview the candidate, and the candidate may request to have an interview with the assessor(s). The process of assessment must always include an interview with the candidate if the assessor(s) are unable to recommend confirmation of D.Phil. status.”

And replace with:

“(iv) an interview between the student and his/her assessors.”

Explanatory Notes amendment required to MPLS regulations to reflect the new policy and guidance issued by EdC in relation to an interview now being mandatory for confirmation of status.

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**

Section 19 - Research Degrees in the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division
- Research Degrees in Mathematical Sciences (Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics)

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.

1617-04-HPT

MPLS - Divisional Board

**Approved via email circulation to Exam Board – 5 December 2016 and MPLS
Divisional approval 3 March 2017**

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

MSc in Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing

Brief note about nature of change: amendment to the text for dissertation submission deadlines.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* citation 1.115.

<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosbcimmandsciecomp/administratorview>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For first examination from 2017-18

Detail of change

1.115. Three copies of the dissertation must be delivered not later than noon on a date to be specified by the examiners which will normally be ~~a Friday in~~ at the end of August or early September to the Examiners, M.Sc. in Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing, c/o Examination Schools, High Street. The examiners may also direct that a copy of the dissertation in pdf or other machine-readable format be made available.

Explanatory Notes

Change in text included as a result that Exam Schools have requested the submission deadline be mid-week.

MPLS - Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of 24 November 2016 and MPLS Divisional approval 3 March 2017

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

MSc in Mathematics and the Foundations of Computer Science

Brief note about nature of change: amendment to the text for dissertation submission deadlines.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* citation 1.85.

<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosbcimafofcompscie/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For first examination from 2017-18

Detail

1.85. Two typewritten copies of the dissertation must be delivered not later than noon on 4 ~~September~~ a date to be specified by the examiners which will normally be in early September in the year in which the examination is taken, to the M.Sc. Examiners (Mathematics and Foundations of Computer Science), c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. The examiners may retain one copy of the dissertation of each candidate who passes the examination for deposit in an appropriate departmental library.

Explanatory Notes

Change in text included as a result of Exam Schools requesting the submission deadline be mid-week.

1617-01-HUG

Mathematical Physical and Life Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by:

the Computer Science and Philosophy Supervisory Committee, 5th October 2016;
MPLS Divisional approval 30 November 2016; and Education Committee approval 14 March 2017

Title of Programme

Honour School of Computer Science and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change: Change to requirements for Philosophy options.

Effective date

For students starting FHS (Part A) from MT 2016

For first Part B examination from 2017-18

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2016 <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hsocscieandphil/administratorview/>

Detail of change

Amend citation reference 3.8 as indicated

[For students starting before MT 2017: (iv)] [For students starting from MT 2017: (ii)] Each candidate shall offer at least two Philosophy subjects from 101, 102, 103, 104, 108, 122, 124, 125, and 127.

Explanatory Notes

Candidates must offer two from a list of eight Philosophy papers. Philosophy paper 103 has been added to the restricted list form which the first two papers must be taken. Students may already offer paper 103 as a further Philosophy paper.

1617-08-HUG

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of:

the Computer Science and Philosophy Supervisory Committee, 13-2-17

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]]

Honour School of Computer Science and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change: Removal of subject 180 from the list of Philosophy subjects offered to Part C candidates.

Amendment to the list of Philosophy subjects offered to candidates: candidates will now be able to offer 198 (Special Subjects), as agreed by the Supervisory Committee.

Effective date

For students starting FHS from MT 2015 (Part C MT 2017).

For first examination from 2017-18.

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2016 , <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hsocscieandphil/>

Detail of change

Amend citation reference 4.4 as follows:

Part C

The taught subjects in Computer Science shall be published in a schedule, C(CS&P), in a supplement to the Course Handbook by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned. Each such subject shall be examined by a written paper or by a mini-project and shall count as three units. Each taught Philosophy subject shall be one of the

subjects 101–120, 122, 124, 125, 127, 128, ~~180~~ and 198 from the list given in Special Regulations for All Honour Schools Including Philosophy, and subject to the regulations therein. With the exception of 198, each such subject shall be assessed by a 3-hour written examination together with an essay of at most 5,000 words, conforming to the rules given in the Course Handbook. Subject 198, Special Subjects, may be examined by other methods and when this is the case, the method in question will be duly communicated to the relevant students.

Explanatory Notes

In Michaelmas Term 2016, Philosophy's Undergraduate Studies Committee agreed to withdraw the Philosophy paper 180, the Rise of Modern Logic, available to part C candidates in the joint schools with Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science. The last year that this will be available for examination is Finals 2017.

The Faculty of Philosophy has provision for a FHS Special Subject paper (paper 198), by which faculty members can offer papers on a topic of their interest for a limited period of time (a few years normally). These papers can be assessed in ways other than by a 3-hour exam paper. The provision of such papers is of benefit both to students and faculty members.

Recently the Faculty received two offers of such special papers and the USC decided that, given the academic merit of these papers, they should be made available to all schools including Philosophy. But the Computer Science and Philosophy school currently does not contemplate the provision of such a paper. This regulation change corrects this omission.

1617-09-HUG

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of:

the Computer Science and Philosophy Supervisory Committee, 13-2-17

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]]

Honour School of Computer Science and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change: amendment to the list of Philosophy subjects offered to candidates: candidates will now be able to offer 198 (Special Subjects), as agreed by the Supervisory Committee.

Removal of subject 180 from the list of Philosophy subjects offered to Part C candidates (as published on 1617-08-HUG)

Effective date

For students starting FHS (Part A) from MT 2016 (Part B MT 2017).

For first examination from 2017-18.

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2016 , <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hsocsciandphil/>

Detail of change

Amend citation reference 3.1 as follows:

Part B

The examination for Part B shall consist of subjects in Computer Science and Philosophy. The subjects in Computer Science shall be published in three schedules, B1(CS&P), B2(CS&P), and B4(CS&P), in a supplement to the Course Handbook by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned. Each Computer Science subject shall be examined by a written paper or by a mini-project. The subjects in Philosophy shall be subjects 101–

118, 120, 122, 124, 125, 127, 128 **and 198** from the list given in Special Regulations for All Honour Schools Including Philosophy, and subject to the regulations therein. **With the exception of 198, each subject in Philosophy shall be assessed by a 3-hour written examination. Subject 198, Special Subjects, may be examined by other methods and when this is the case, the method in question will be duly communicated to the relevant students.**

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Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Divisional Board**Approved at the meeting of:**

Approved by Chairman's action on behalf of Faculty of Materials 10/02/2017 and Divisional approval 03/03/2017

Title of Programme:

Honour School of Materials Science

Brief note about nature of change:

Amendment to number of copies of coursework candidates are required to submit

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2014-15 <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2014-15/hsofmatescie/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting FHS from MT 2014 (Part II MT 2016)

For first examination from 2016-2017

Detail of change

Amend citation reference 1.50 and 1.120 as follows:

'Every candidate for Part II is required to submit ~~three~~ four copies of a report on the investigations which he or she has carried out under the direction of his or her supervisor.'

Explanatory Notes

The two Parts of the course are treated as separate courses and the students are directed to the Regulations (and handbooks) that apply when they enter each Part of the course. Therefore, the Regulations that apply to the first set of students the change will affect will be those under Part II of Examination Regulations 2016. However, these students entered

FHS in 2014 and thus we should like to amend these Regulations for completeness.

This correction is to update the regulations, in order to bring into line with the Course handbook, the number of copies to be submitted. By receiving four copies of the submission, it can be guaranteed that at least one copy of the report will be available for reference whilst other copies are being double marked by the examiners and reviewed by the external examiners.

MPLS Divisional Board**Approved at the meeting of****Joint Committee of Mathematics and Philosophy, 7th Feb 2017****Mathematics Teaching Committee, 1st March 2017****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Honour School of Mathematics and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

Change to location of syllabus for mathematics papers.

Minor corrections to the schedule of papers.

Amendment to the list of Philosophy subjects offered to candidates: candidates will now be able to offer 198 (Special Subject) and removal of subject 180 from the list of Philosophy subjects offered to Part C candidates.

Clarification of regulation regarding the Philosophy Thesis and Philosophy Essays at Part C.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hsomathandphil/studentview/>

Effective date**For students starting from** Part A, Part B and Part C in MT2017**For first examination from** 2017-18**Detail of change**

1. Delete citation reference 1.1

~~In the following 'the Mathematics Course Handbook' refers to the Mathematics Undergraduate Handbook and supplements to this published by the Teaching Committee of~~

~~the Department of Mathematics.'~~

2. Amend citation reference 2.2 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'A candidate may, with the support of his or her Mathematics tutor, apply to the Chair of the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy for approval of one or more other options from the list of Mathematics Department units for Part A which can be found ~~in the Supplement to the Mathematics Course Handbook for courses in Mathematics Part A~~ on the Mathematical Institute website. Applications for special approval'

3. Amend citation reference 2.11 as follows

'Syllabus details will be published ~~in the Mathematics Course Handbook~~ on the Mathematical Institute website by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination for Part A, after consultation with the Mathematics Teaching Committee.'

4. Amend citation reference 3.1 as follows

'The examination for Part B shall consist of units in Mathematics and subjects in Philosophy. The schedule of units in Mathematics shall be published ~~in Mathematics and Philosophy Synopses of lecture courses supplement to the Mathematics Course Handbook~~ on the Mathematical Institute website by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned, after consultation with the Mathematics Teaching Committee. The schedule shall be in two parts: Schedule 1 (standard units) and Schedule 2 (additional units). A candidate may, with the support of his or her Mathematics tutor, apply to the Chair of the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy for approval of one or more other options from the list of Mathematics Department units for Part B which can be found ~~in the Supplement to the Mathematics Course Handbook for courses in Mathematics Part B~~ on the Mathematical Institute website. Applications for special approval must be made through the candidate's college and sent to the Chair of the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy, c/o Academic Administrator, Mathematical Institute, to arrive by Friday of Week 5 of Michaelmas Term in the academic year of the examination for Part B. In Philosophy the subjects shall be subjects 101–118, 120, 122, 124, 125, 127, 128, 198 and 199 from the list given in Special Regulations for All Honour Schools Including Philosophy. ~~Each subject in Philosophy other than a Thesis shall be examined in one 3-hour paper.~~ Each candidate shall offer:'

5. Amend citation reference 3.3 as follows

'(ii) Three subjects in Philosophy from 101–118, 120, 122, 124, 125, 127, ~~and~~ 128, and

198 of which two must be 122 and either 101 or 102, and'

6. Amend citation reference 3.4 as follows

'(iii) Either two further units in Mathematics drawn from Schedule 1 and 2 combined or one further subject in Philosophy from subjects 101–118, 120, 124, 125, 127, 128, 198 and 199: Thesis.'

7. Amend citation reference 3.6 as follows

'The list of units and double units along with synopses and other details, will be approved by the Mathematics Teaching Committee and published ~~in the Mathematics Course Handbook~~ on the Mathematical Institute website by the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned.'

8. Delete citation reference 3.7

~~'The list of units for Part C shall include units in Mathematical Logic as specified by the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy.'~~

9. Amend citation reference 4.7 as follows

'The schedule of units in Mathematics shall be published ~~in the Mathematics and Philosophy Synopses of lecture courses supplement to the Mathematics Course Handbook~~ on the Mathematical Institute website by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned.'

10. Amend citation reference 4.8 as follows

'A candidate may, with the support of his or her Mathematics tutor, apply to the Chair of the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy for approval of one or more other options from the list of Mathematics Department units for Part C which can be found ~~in the Supplement to the Mathematics Course Handbook for courses in Mathematics Part C~~ on the Mathematical Institute website. Applications for special approval...'

11. Amend citation reference 4.9 as follows

'No unit in Mathematics, and no subject in Philosophy, may be offered in both Part B and Part C, except in the case of subject 199 (Philosophy Thesis). A unit in Philosophy consists of one of the following:

(a) One of the subjects 101-118, 120, 124, 125, 127, and 128, and 180 as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy. For Part C, these subjects shall be examined by a three hour written paper together with a Part C Philosophy Essay of at most 5000 words, as specified below.

(b) A Special Subject 198, as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy.

(c) A Part C Philosophy Thesis, as specified below.

~~(d) or a~~ A Special Subject in Philosophy as approved by the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy by regulations published in the University Gazette and communicated to college tutors by the end of the fifth week of Trinity Term in the year before the Part C examination in which it will be examined, or a Thesis as specified below. No candidate may offer more than one Special Subject in Philosophy in Part C. In approving a Special Subject in Philosophy for Part C, the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy may specify that candidates will not be permitted to offer certain ~~sSpecial sSubjects~~ in combination with certain other subjects, or will be permitted to do so only on condition that in the papers on the other subjects they will not be permitted to answer certain questions. Subject to these qualifications, any candidate may offer any approved sSpecial sSubject. ~~Each unit in Philosophy other than a Thesis shall be examined by a three-hour written paper together with an essay of at most 5,000 words.~~

Part C Philosophy Essays

For units in Philosophy specified in (a) above, the relative weight of the essay to the three-hour exam shall be 1 to 3, i.e. the essay shall count for 25% of the mark in that subject....'

12. After citation reference 4.18 include

Philosophy Thesis

The regulations for a Part C thesis are exactly the same as for 199:Thesis, as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy, except that the word limit is 20,000 words.

13. Amend citation reference 4.20 as follows

The list of units and double units along with synopses and other details, will be approved by the Mathematics Teaching Committee and published ~~in the Mathematics Course Handbook on the Mathematical Institute website~~ by the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned.

Explanatory Notes

The information on Maths units will now be available on the Mathematical Institute's

website rather than in the Course Handbook.

When Philosophy Paper 128 was added as an option for Part B its inclusion was not fully reflected in the regulations. This error is being corrected.

Following the removal of the section on the Philosophy Thesis to avoid duplication with the Philosophy Regulations in all Honour Schools including Philosophy, it is necessary to clarify the rules governing the Maths & Philosophy Thesis at Part C.

Following the likelihood of suitable options being offered, the joint supervisory committee for Mathematics & Philosophy have agreed to add subject 198 to the Philosophy schedule.

The Philosophy Undergraduate Studies Committee have withdrawn paper 180 for students starting in MT17.

MPLS Divisional Board**Approved at the meeting of: 1st March 2017 (Mathematics Teaching Committee)****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Honour School of Mathematics

Brief note about nature of change:

Regulations updated with change to location of syllabus for papers and location of schedules of units.

Regulations updated with change to location of information for students transferring to Mathematical and Theoretical Physics.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* : <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hschoofmath/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting from: Part A, Part B and Part C in MT 2017

For first examination from 2017-18

Detail of change

1. Delete citation reference. 1.1

~~'In the following 'the Course Handbook' refers to the Mathematics Undergraduate Handbook and supplements to this published by the Mathematics Teaching Committee.'~~

2. Amend citation reference 1.19

'The Joint Supervisory Committee for Mathematical and Theoretical Physics shall publish a list of Handbook for Mathematical and Theoretical Physics shall set out the options that candidates should follow to maximize their chances of being accepted for transfer to

Mathematical and Theoretical Physics for their Part C examination. This ~~Handbook list~~ shall be available by the start of Michaelmas Term in the year in which a candidate starts Part A in Mathematics.'

3. Amend citation reference 2.16

Syllabus details will be published ~~in the Course Handbook~~ on the Mathematical Institute's website by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination for Part A.

4. Amend citation reference 3.12

'The final list of units will be published ~~in the Course Handbook~~ on the Mathematical Institute's website by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned, together with the following details.'

5. Amend citation reference 3.15

'Method of assessment. Details of methods of assessment for Other Mathematics or Other Non-Mathematical units ~~will~~ may be given elsewhere. Some options may require assessment by oral presentation. The ~~Course handbook~~ course webpage will indicate where such details will be specified.'

6. Amend citation reference 4.12

'The final list of units will be published ~~in the Course Handbook~~ on the Mathematical Institute's website by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned, together with the following details.

7. Amend citation reference 4.15

Method of assessment. Details of methods of assessment for Other Mathematics or Other Non-Mathematical units ~~will~~ may be given elsewhere. Some options may require assessment by oral presentation. The ~~Course handbook~~ course webpage will indicate where such details will be specified.

Explanatory Notes

The information on the Maths syllabus and units will now be available on the Mathematical Institute's website rather than in the Course Handbook.

MPLS Divisional Board**Approved at the meeting of****Joint Committee of Mathematics and Philosophy, 7th Feb 2017****Mathematics Teaching Committee, 1st March 2017****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Preliminary Examination in Mathematics & Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

Regulations updated with change to location of syllabus for papers and removal of information duplicated in the standing orders.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/peimathandphil/studentview/>

Effective date**For students starting from MT 2017****For first examination from 2017-18****Detail of change**

1. Delete citation reference 1.3 as follows (deleted text struck through):

~~'3. The Moderators for Mathematics shall include at least two of the Moderators for the Preliminary Examination in Mathematics; the Moderators for Philosophy shall include at least two Moderators nominated by a committee of the Faculty of Philosophy.'~~

2. Delete citation reference 1.4 as follows (deleted text struck through):

~~'4. It shall be the duty of the Chair of Moderators for the Preliminary Examination in Mathematics to nominate such of their number as shall be required to act as Moderators for~~

~~the Preliminary Examination in Mathematics and Philosophy.'~~

3. Amend citation reference 1.20 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'5. The syllabus for each paper in Mathematics shall be published by the Mathematical Institute ~~in a handbook for candidates~~ on the departmental website by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination, after consultation with the Mathematics Teaching Committee.'

Explanatory Notes

The information on the Maths syllabus and units will now be available on the Mathematical Institute's website rather than in the Course Handbook.

MPLS Divisional Board**Approved at the meeting of: 1st March 2017 (Mathematics Teaching Committee)****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Preliminary Examination in Mathematics

Brief note about nature of change:

Regulations updated with change to location of syllabus for papers.

Location of changeIn *Examination Regulations 2016* : <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/pexaminmath/studentview/>**Effective date****For students starting from:** MT 2017**For first examination from** 2017-18**Detail of change**

1. Amend citation reference. 1.12 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'The syllabus for each paper shall be published by the Mathematical Institute ~~in a handbook for candidates~~ on the Mathematical Institute's website by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination, after consultation with the Mathematics Teaching Committee'

Explanatory Notes

The information on the Maths syllabus and units will now be available on the Mathematical Institute's website rather than in the Course Handbook.

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Divisional Board**Approved by Chair's action****Research Degrees in the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division****2. Transfer of Status**

Brief note about nature of change: minor amendment required to MPLS regulations for transfer of status to make it clear that an interview is always mandatory.

Effective date

With immediate effect

Location of changeIn *Examination Regulations 2016*<https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/rdtm-palifesciedivi/>**Detail of change****2. TRANSFER OF STATUS AND CONFIRMATION OF STATUS**

- 1. *Transfer of Status*

Delete the highlight section:

(iii) The process of assessment must always include an interview with the candidate if the assessors cannot recommend transfer to D.Phil. status;

Explanatory Notes minor amendment required to MPLS regulations to reflect the policy and guidance so that it is clear that an interview is always mandatory for transfer of status.

[Template for notifying changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette]

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MPLS Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of [date]: N/A
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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

MSc in Microelectronics, Optoelectronics, and Communications
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Brief note about nature of change:

Change in order of teaching of Unit 2 (Advanced Microelectronics) and Unit 3 (Wireless Communications). Unit 2 will therefore become Wireless Communications and Unit 3 Advanced Microelectronics, and will be taught in this order.
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Location of change

In <i>Examination Regulations 2016</i> http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosbyinm-optoandcomm/administratorview/
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Effective date

For students starting before MT 2017: <i>This is a new course for students starting from Michaelmas Term 2017</i>
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For first examination from 2017-18

Detail of change

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1.141. Fundamentals of Microelectronics and Communications• 1.152. Advanced Microelectronics Wireless Communications• 1.163. Wireless Communications Advanced Microelectronics |
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Explanatory Notes

[Template for notifying changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette]

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MPLS Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of [date]: N/A

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Postgraduate Diploma in Microelectronics, Optoelectronics, and Communications

Brief note about nature of change:

Change in order of teaching of Unit 2 (Advanced Microelectronics) and Unit 3 (Wireless Communications). Unit 2 will therefore become Wireless Communications and Unit 3 Advanced Microelectronics, and will be taught in this order.
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Location of change

In <i>Examination Regulations 2016</i> http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/pdimicroptoandcomm/administratorview/
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Effective date

For students starting before MT 2017: <i>This is a new course for students starting from Michaelmas Term 2017</i>
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For first examination from 2017-18

Detail of change

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1.121. Fundamentals of Microelectronics and Communications• 1.132. Advanced Microelectronics Wireless Communications• 1.143. Wireless Communications Advanced Microelectronics |
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Explanatory Notes

Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Divisional Board**Approved at the meeting of:**

Education Committee 17 February 2016, MPLS Academic Committee February 2016,
Department of Statistics Teaching Committee 16 October 2015

Title of Programme:

MSc Applied Statistics

Brief note about nature of change:

Amend the course name changed to the MSc in Statistical Science which is line with how the course is advertised for 2016 applicants admitted in 2017. Also to amend references to the related Postgraduate Diploma in Statistical Science.

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2016 <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosbcinapplstat/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

Detail of change

Amend citation reference 1.6 and 1.14 as follows below:

Master of Science by Coursework in ~~Applied Statistics~~ Statistical Science

- ^{1.6}4. Two typewritten or printed copies of the dissertation must be sent not later than noon on the second Monday in September in the year in which the written examination is taken, to the M.Sc. examiners (~~Applied Statistics~~ Statistical Science), c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. [For students starting from MT 2015: When submitting their M.Sc. dissertation, candidates must submit both paper and electronic versions which must be identical. The latter may be used by the examiners to check for plagiarism. See the Course Handbook for further details.] The examiners may retain one copy of the dissertation of

each candidate who passes the examination for deposit in an appropriate departmental library.

- ^{1.14}10. If it is the opinion of the examiners that the work done by the candidate is not of sufficient merit to qualify for the Degree of M.Sc., but is nevertheless of sufficient merit to qualify for the Postgraduate Diploma in ~~Applied Statistics~~ Statistical Science, the candidate shall be given the option of retaking the M.Sc. examination on one further occasion, not later than one year after the initial attempt, or of being issued with a postgraduate diploma. In the event of a candidate's work not being of sufficient merit to qualify for the award of the M.Sc., the examiners will specify which of the components of the course may or must be redone.

Explanatory Notes

The course has evolved considerably since it was first taught, and 'Statistical Science' is now a more accurate description of the content of the course, and is a course title that prospective students would expect given the content.

MPLS Divisional Board**Approved at the meeting in**

14th March agreed on behalf of Education Committee and Hilary Term 2017 MPLS Education Committee

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School Engineering Science

Brief note about nature of change:

The introduction of a new 'entrepreneurship and management' pathway for the third and fourth year of the undergraduate Engineering Science degree.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hsofengiscie/administratorview/>

Effective date

2016/17 Honour School and thereafter i.e. these regulations apply to students taking Part B from 2017/18 and thereafter

Detail of change**Part B**

3. A limited number of places are available for candidates seeking to follow the entrepreneurship and management pathway through Part B. Candidates wishing to take this pathway must apply to the Associate Head (Teaching) by 5pm on Friday of Week 7 of Trinity term during their Part A. The procedure for application is described in the course handbook. Candidates who apply to follow this pathway and are successful shall be required to take the papers set out in paragraph 4. Candidates who do not apply to take this pathway, and candidates who apply to take these papers but are unsuccessful, shall be required to take be required to take the papers set out in paragraph 5.

4. Candidates who follow the entrepreneurship and management pathway will be required to take:

a) Four optional written papers from Schedule B papers published on the Course WebLearn site.

b) Engineering Computation (paper B1).

d) Ethics, Safety & Risk, Sustainability- ~~and of Project finance~~

e) Entrepreneurship and Innovation (paper B2E) as set out in Schedule A of the Honour School of Economics and Management

f) Group Design Project with Entrepreneurship (paper B3E).

g) Engineering Practical Work (paper B4). This will be examined through continuous assessment. Candidates will not normally be required to submit their Engineering Practical Work. However, the examiners may request practical work from some candidates. Such candidates will be named in a list posted by the day of the last written examination.

5. All other candidates will be required to take:

a) Five optional written papers from Schedule B papers published on the Course WebLearn site.

b) Engineering Computation (paper B1).

c) Engineering in Society (paper B2), comprising of

i. Ethics, Safety & Risk, Sustainability

ii. Project finance, Project management, Technology strategy

e) Group Design Project (paper B3).

f) Engineering Practical Work (paper B4). This will be examined through continuous assessment. Candidates will not normally be required to submit their Engineering Practical Work. However, the examiners may request practical work from some candidates. Such candidates will be named in a list posted by the day of the last written examination.

~~3. Each candidate will be required to take:~~

~~a) Five optional written papers from Schedule B papers published on the Course WebLearn site.~~

~~b) Engineering Computation (paper B1).~~

~~e) Engineering Practical Work (paper B4). This will be examined through continuous assessment. Candidates will not normally be required to submit their Engineering Practical Work. However, the examiners may request practical work from some candidates. Such candidates will be named in a list posted by the day of the last written examination.~~

d) Either

i) ~~Engineering in Society (paper B2), and Group Design Project (paper B3); or~~

ii) ~~Entrepreneurship and Innovation (paper B2E) as set out in Schedule A of the Honour School of Economics and Management, and Group Design Project with Entrepreneurship (paper B3E).~~

~~4. A limited number of places are available for candidates seeking to take papers B2E and B3E. Candidates wishing to take papers B2E and B3E must apply to the Associate Head (Teaching) by 5pm on Friday of Week 7 of Trinity term during their Part A. The procedure for application is described in the course handbook. Candidates who do not apply to take papers B2E and B3E, and candidates who apply to take these papers but are unsuccessful, shall be required to take papers B2 and B3.~~

56. Candidates shall submit to the examiners reports on the Engineering Computation (Paper B1) completed as a part of their course of study. The subject of the project shall be approved by the Projects Committee of the Faculty of Engineering Science and one copy of the report shall be submitted to the Chair of the Examiners, Honour School of Engineering Science, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon on Wednesday of the first week of Hilary Term in the year of the Part B examination. The project report must not exceed ten pages (including all diagrams, photographs, references and appendices). All pages must be numbered, have margins of not less than 20mm all round and type face of Arial 11 pt font with double-line spacing. The report must be the candidate's own work and should include a signed statement to this effect. Project reports previously submitted for the Honour School of Engineering Science may be resubmitted. No project report will be accepted if it has already been submitted wholly or substantially for another honour school or degree of this University, or for a degree at any other institution. Resubmitted work must be physically presented at the time and in the manner prescribed for submission.

67. Candidates shall submit to the examiners written reports on the Group Design Project (paper B3) or Group Design Project with Entrepreneurship (paper B3E). The subject of the project shall be approved by the Projects Committee of the Faculty of Engineering Science and three copies of the report shall be submitted to the Chair of the Examiners, Honour School of Engineering Science, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon on Wednesday of the fourth week of Trinity Term in the year of the Part B examination. The project report must not exceed thirty pages (including all diagrams, photographs, references, and appendices). All pages must be numbered, have margins of not less than 20mm all round and type face of Arial 11 pt font with double-line spacing. The report must be the candidate's own work and should include a signed statement to this effect. Project reports previously submitted for the Honour School of Engineering Science may be resubmitted. No project report will be accepted if it has already been submitted wholly or substantially for another honour school or degree of this University, or for a degree at any other institution. Resubmitted work must be physically presented at the time and in the manner prescribed for submission

Explanatory Notes

A limited number of places will be available for candidates seeking to follow the entrepreneurship and management pathway through Part B.

Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Divisional Board**Approved at the meeting of:**

Approved by MPLS Division, May 2017 Statistics Teaching Committee, 20 January 2017 and Statistics Departmental Committee, 31 January 2017

Title of Programme:

Honour School of Mathematics and Statistics

Brief note about nature of change:

Change the Mathematics and Statistic (Part C) dissertation weighting to count as 2 units rather than 3 units.

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2016 <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/hsomathandstat/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting FHS from MT 2015 (Part C MT 2017)

For first examination from 2017-2018

Detail of change

Amend citation reference 4.1 and 4.2 as follows below:

4.1 In Part C each candidate shall offer a total of ~~five~~ six units from the schedule of units for Part C (see below), and each candidate shall also offer a dissertation on a statistics project.

- 4.2(a) The ~~five~~ six units offered should be from those designated as M level.
- 4.3(b) At least one unit should be offered from the schedule of 'Statistics' units.

Explanatory Notes

The department of Statistics would like to align the dissertation with Mathematics Part C whereby the dissertation counts as 2 units out of 8. Currently Mathematics and Statistics count as 3 out of 8 units. There is no increase in workload, simply the move is from 3+5 units to 2+6 units. Therefore students should only be spending 25% of their time on the dissertation, rather than 37.5% at present. This change would bring it in line with Mathematics Part C. The Department consulted with its students by provided a briefing with slides about the Part C dissertation and all those who did not attend were emailed the slides.

Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Divisional Board**Approved at the meeting of:**

Department of Statistics Teaching Committee 16 October 2015, Teaching Committee May 2017.

Title of Programme:

Postgraduate Diploma in Statistical Science

Brief note about nature of change:

Amend the course name changed to the Postgraduate Diploma in Statistical Science which is line with how the course is advertised for 2016 applicants admitted in 2017.

Simplification of the regulations regarding transfer from the MSc in Statistical Science, and removal of the Hilary Term deadline.

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2016 <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/pdinapplstat/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

Detail of change

Amend citation references 1.1, 1.2 and 1.8 as follows below:

Postgraduate Diploma in ~~Applied Statistics~~ Statistical Science

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 1.11. The Divisional Board of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences shall have power to grant Postgraduate Diplomas in ~~Applied Statistics~~ Statistical Science to candidates who have satisfied the conditions prescribed in this section.

1.22. The examination for the Postgraduate Diploma in ~~Applied Statistics~~ Statistical Science shall be under the supervision of the Divisional Board of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences.

1.86. After admission as a Postgraduate Diploma Student, a candidate must have kept statutory residence and pursued a course of study at Oxford for at least three terms before taking the examination, provided that a candidate for the Degree of Master of Science (~~Applied Statistics-Statistical Science~~) may, with the approval of the Divisional Board of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences, transfer to the status of a Student for the Postgraduate Diploma in ~~Applied Statistics~~ Statistical Science ~~not later than the last day of Hilary Term in the year in which the written examination is to be taken~~, in which case the date of his or her admission as a Student for the Degree of Master of Science shall be reckoned as the date of his or her admission as a postgraduate diploma student.; ~~time spent outside Oxford during term as part of an academic programme approved by Council shall count towards residence for the purpose of this clause.~~

Explanatory Notes

The course has evolved considerably since it was first taught, and 'Statistical Science' is now a more accurate description of the content of the course, and is a course title that prospective students would expect given the content.

Removal of the Hilary Term deadline for transfer from the MSc in Statistical Science to the PG Diploma, simplifies the process by which MSc students, who, after the examinations, do not wish to continue with the dissertation, to receive the PG Diploma as an exit award.

MPLS Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of

Computer Science Education Committee on 9th June 2017.

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

MSc in Computer Science

Brief note about nature of change:

(i) Change to format of submission of examined work from hard copy to electronic only. (ii) Students will be expected to submit the associated source code with their dissertation.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosbcincompacie/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For First Examination in 2017-18

Detail of change

Amend citation reference 1.6 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

^{1.6} (ii) Candidates shall submit a dissertation of not more than 30,000 words, plus not more than 30 pages of diagrams, tables, listing etc., and (where applicable) the source code, on a subject selected by the candidate in consultation with the supervisor and approved by the director of the course. The associated source code is neither included in the word count nor the 30 page limit of additional material.

Amend citation reference 1.10 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

^{1.10} ~~5. Two typewritten or printed copies of the~~ A electronic copy of the dissertation and, where applicable, associated source code, must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Computer Science Weblearn site ~~must be delivered~~ not later than the date given in the Course Handbook to the M.Sc. Examiners (Computer Science), c/o Examinations Schools, High Street, Oxford.

Explanatory Notes

Following the recent decision by the University's Education Committee to permit either electronic or hard copy submissions of examined work, these regulations are being updated to require electronic only submissions using the University's Education Committee approved Assignments tool. The External Examiner (2015-16) recommended that the source code of projects (where applicable) be submitted with the projects so that it can be checked by the examiner or assessor.

MPLS Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of

Biological Science Undergraduate Studies Steering Committee on Tuesday 3 May 2016

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School Biological Sciences

Brief note about nature of change:

Change to format of submission of examined work from hard copy to electronic only.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hsofbiolscie/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting FHS Part A from 2016/17

For first Part B examination from 2017/18

Detail of change

Amend citation reference 3.23 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

~~3.23~~ The project report (~~two copies~~) must be legibly typed or word-processed (double line spacing to be used throughout, A4 paper format) ~~on one side only of A4 paper, held firmly in a stiff cover,~~ and submitted on or before 12 noon on the Monday of Week 2 of Hilary Full Term of the academic year in which Part II of the examination is taken. ~~It must be addressed to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, for the Chair of Examiners for the Final Honour School of Biological Sciences. Each project report shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by the candidate indicating that the project report is the candidate's own work. The project report must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Biological Sciences WebLearn site. Each project report must be certified as the candidate's own work by following instructions provided by the WebLearn site. The procedure is described in the Guidelines on Projects and Course Assignments. This certificate shall be submitted separately in a sealed envelope addressed to the Chair of Examiners. No hard copy may be submitted.~~ No report will be accepted if it has already has been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another Honour School or degree of this University, or for a degree of any other institution.

Amend citation reference 3.27 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

~~3.27~~ Each candidate must complete two Course Assignments. One assignment shall be examined by means of a written essay, and one shall be examined by means of an Oral Presentation as set out below. The precise format of the Course Assignments may vary between Options and will be specified by the Biological Sciences Steering Committee.

Amend citation reference 3.28 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

~~3.28~~ The written essay shall be of not more than 3,000 words, excluding any tables, figures, or references, and must be prefaced by an Abstract of not more than 250 words, to be included within the word limit. All sources used in the essay must be fully documented. ~~The written essay (two copies) must be legibly typed or word processed on one side only of A4 paper, held firmly in a stiff cover.~~ The Oral Presentation shall be a maximum of fifteen minutes in duration, followed by ten minutes of questions. The Oral Presentation should use appropriate audio-visual aids as specified in the Guidelines on Projects and Course Assignments. Candidates shall also submit an Abstract of the Oral Presentation of not more than 500 words. ~~The Abstract (two copies) must be legibly typed or word processed on one side only of A4 paper.~~

Amend citation reference 3.33 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

~~3.33~~ For each assignment, candidates must sign a certificate stating that the assignment is their own work. This certificate must be submitted at the same time as the essay and Abstract in a sealed envelope addressed to the Chair of Examiners. Each Course Assignment must be certified as the candidate's own work. No Assignment will be accepted if it already has been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another Honour School or degree of this University, or for a degree of any other institution.

Amend citation reference 3.35 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

~~3.35~~ The written Course Assignment (two copies), and the Abstract for the Oral Presentation (~~two copies~~) and the sealed envelope containing the certificate of authorship, ~~should be submitted in an envelope clearly labelled with the candidate's number~~ must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Biological Sciences WebLearn site by noon on Friday of 0th week of the Trinity Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken. The procedure is described in the Guidelines on Projects and Course Assignments. No hard copy may be submitted. ~~The envelope should be addressed to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford for the Chair of the Examiners in the Final Honour School of Biological Sciences. Assignments previously submitted for the Honour School of Biological Sciences may be resubmitted. No assignment will be accepted if it has already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another degree in the University or elsewhere; and each certificate must also contain a confirmation that the assignment has not already been so submitted. Each essay and each Abstract shall clearly indicate on the first page the part of the examination and the subject under which the assignment is submitted. Further guidance on the essay and Oral Presentation will be is published in the Guidelines on Projects and Course Assignments.~~

Explanatory Notes

Following the recent decision by the University's Education Committee to permit either electronic or hard copy submissions of examined work, these regulations are being updated to require electronic only submissions using the University's Education Committee approved Assignments tool.

MPLS Divisional Board**Approved at the meeting of**

Engineering Undergraduate Studies Committee on 4th May.

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School Engineering Science

Brief note about nature of change:

Change to format of submission of examined work from hard copy to electronic only.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hsofengiscie/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting FHS Part A from 2016/17

For first Part B examination from 2017/18

Detail of change

Amend citation reference 3.16 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

5. Candidates shall submit to the examiners reports on the Engineering Computation (Paper B1) completed as a part of their course of study. The subject of the project shall be approved by the Projects Committee of the Faculty of Engineering Science and one copy of the report ~~shall~~ must be ~~submitted~~ uploaded to the Assignments section of the Engineering Science Weblearn site ~~to the Chair of the Examiners, Honour School of Engineering Science, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford,~~ by noon on Wednesday of the first week of Hilary Term in the year of the Part B examination.

Explanatory Notes

Following the recent decision by the University's Education Committee to permit either electronic or hard copy submissions of examined work, these regulations are being updated to require electronic only submissions using the University's Education Committee approved Assignments tool.

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Education Committee

Approved via email circulation of the Mathematical Finance Supervisory Committee and MPLS Divisional approval in Trinity 2017

Name of Regulation

Regulations Concerning the Status of Graduate Taught Students

Brief note about nature of change: permitting suspensions from MSc Mathematical Finance in months not terms

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016*

<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/rctsogradtaugstud/> as amended by the Gazette notice of 11 May 2017

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For first examination from 2017-18

Detail

Amend the table after citation reference 1.5 to include the following information (additional text underlined) after the entry for the MSc in Major Programme Management

Programme [1.6]	Duration [1.7]	Maximum time permitted [1.8]	Maximum suspensions permitted [1.9]
<u>MSc in Mathematical Finance</u>	<u>24 months</u>	<u>48 months</u>	<u>24 months</u>

Explanatory Notes

The regulations for the status of graduate taught students have been changed in the last couple of years to list the duration/maximum time permitted/maximum suspensions permitted in months rather than in terms for courses where this is more appropriate for the teaching and assessment structure.

MPLS Divisional Board

**Approved by Joint Supervisory Committee for Mathematical and Theoretical Physics
by email circulation**

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

MSc in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics

Brief note about nature of change:

Regulations updated to allow students to offer more than 10 units for examination and to remove a reference to dissertations being one unit in weight.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* : <https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosbcimandtheophys/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting from: MT 2017

For first examination from 2017-18

Detail of change

1. Amend citation reference 1.8

(i) Candidates will offer a minimum of 10 units for examination but may offer further units if they wish, subject to the guidance in the Course handbook. ~~with a~~ One unit corresponds ~~ing~~ to a 16 hour lecture course.

2. Amend citation reference 1.10

(iv) Candidates may offer ~~one unit which is a dissertation~~ which may count as one or two units. The dissertation will follow the guidelines and procedures of the Part C Mathematics course outlined in the Special Regulations for the Honour School of Mathematics.

Explanatory Notes

Previously the regulations stated that candidates should offer 10 units for examination, the intention of the Supervisory Committee and has always been the case that candidates should be able to offer more than 10 units if they wish. The Examination Regulations are being update to reflect current practice.

In 2017–18 students will be allowed to offer either a one-unit or a two-unit dissertation so the reference to dissertations being one-unit in weight needs to be removed.

MPLS Divisional Board

**Approved by Joint Supervisory Committee for Mathematical and Theoretical Physics
by email circulation**

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics

Brief note about nature of change:

Regulations updated to allow students to offer more than 10 units for examination and to remove a reference to dissertations being one unit in weight.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* : <https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hsomandtheophys/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting from: Part C in MT 2017

For first examination from 2017-18

Detail of change

1. Amend citation reference 1.21

(i) Candidates will offer a minimum of 10 units for examination but may offer further units if they wish, subject to the guidance in the Course handbook. ~~with a~~ One unit corresponds ~~ing~~ to a 16 hour lecture course.

2. Amend citation reference 1.24

(iv) Candidates may offer ~~one unit which is a dissertation~~ which may count as one or two units. The dissertation will follow the guidelines and procedures of the Part C Mathematics course outlined in the Special Regulations for the Honour School of Mathematics.

Explanatory Notes

Previously the regulations stated that candidates should offer 10 units for examination, the intention of the Supervisory Committee and has always been the case that candidates should be able to offer more than 10 units if they wish. The Examination Regulations are being update to reflect current practice.

In 2017–18 students will be allowed to offer either a one-unit or a two-unit dissertation so the reference to dissertations being one-unit in weight needs to be removed.

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Divisional Board

**Approved at the meeting of Education Committee 16/6/17 and MPLS Division
Trinity Term 2017**

Title of Programme:

Honour School of Mathematics and Statistics

Brief note about nature of change: Addition of option of taking 1 or 2 additional units at Part C. Gender references made non-binary.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hsomathandstat/administratorview/> as amended by the Gazette notice of 22 June 2017

Effective date

For all students starting the Final Honours School from MT 2016.

For first Part C examination from 2018-2019.

Detail of change

Amend citation references 1.3, 1.10, 4.1, 4.2 and 4.4 as follows.

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1.3². No candidate shall be admitted to examination in this School unless ~~he or she~~ they ~~has~~ have either passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination.

1.10(a) Part A shall be taken on one occasion only. No candidate shall enter for Part B until ~~he or she~~ they ~~has~~ have completed Part A of the examination.

4.1 In Part C each candidate shall offer a ~~total of six~~ minimum of six units and a maximum of eight units from the schedule of units for Part C (see below), and each candidate shall also offer a dissertation on a statistics project.

- 4.2 (a) ~~The six~~ All units offered should be from those designated as M level.

4.4 No candidate shall offer any unit for Part C that ~~he or she~~ they ~~has~~ have also offered in Part B.

Explanatory Notes Students will be given the option of taking 1 or 2 additional units at Part C, in line with the changes to the Honour School of Mathematics.

We are also taking this opportunity to make gender references non-binary in the text of the Regulations.

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Divisional Board

**Approved at the meeting of Education Committee 16/06/17 and MPLS Division
Trinity Term 2017**

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Mathematics

Brief note about nature of change:

Change to assessment requirements.

Students currently take eight units. They will have the option of taking 1-2 additional units.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hschoofmath/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting FHS from MT 2016 (Part C MT 2018)

For first Part C examination from 2018-19.

Detail of change

Amend citation references 1.3, 1.10, 1.20, 4.1, 4.2 and 4.10 as follows.

Honour School of Mathematics

A

1.3 2. No candidate shall be admitted to examination in this School unless ~~he or she has~~ they have either passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination.

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1.10(a) Part A shall be taken on one occasion only. No candidate shall enter for Part B until ~~he or she has~~ they have completed Part A of the examination.

Transfer to the Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics

*1.20 13. A candidate who has transferred from the Honour School of Mathematics to the Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics for their Part C examination in accordance with cl.9 above is permitted transfer to the Honour School of Mathematics for their Part C examination up to the end of Week 4 of the Michaelmas Term in which ~~he or she~~ **they** first registered for Part C in the Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics, so long as that candidate has not opted to supplicate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics under the regulations for the Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics.*

Part C

*4.1 In Part C each candidate shall offer a **minimum** total of eight units **and a maximum of ten units** from the schedule of units for Part C (see below).*

4.2 (a) All ~~eight~~ units offered should be from those designated as M level.

*4.10 No candidate shall offer any unit for Part C that ~~he or she has~~ **they have** also offered in Part B.*

Explanatory Notes

In addition, the length of the dissertation is to be reduced from 10,000 to 7,500 words, and the deadline for submitting the dissertation will change – neither of these are covered by the Regulations, and so no change is necessary in relation to these. Appropriate changes will be made to the Course Examination Conventions and Handbook.

We are also taking this opportunity to make gender references non-binary in the text of the Regulations.