

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board****Approved by Nicholas Field on 09.08.22****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Doctor of Clinical Psychology

**Brief note about nature of change:** Minor changes to reflect the need for electronic deposit of Thesis and consolidation of deadlines into the course handbook. In addition, flexibility around the timing of the extended essay which is impacted by teaching timetabling.

**Location of change**In *Examination Regulations 2019/2020*<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=dofclinpsyc>**Effective date****For all students on course from MT 2022****Detail of change**

(New text underlined, deleted text struck through):

**1. Section 2 (b), citations 1.16-1.19****(b) Academic Activity**

Candidates shall be required to follow a programme of study, as prescribed by the Director of the Course, normally in each of the following areas:

(i) Adult mental health; (ii) Children; (iii) Learning Disabilities; (iv) Older People; (v) Specialist teaching.

Candidates are required to submit an extended essay. The essay shall not exceed 3,000 words including tables and diagrams but excluding references and shall be set by the course academic tutor team ~~towards the end of in December~~ Hilary Term of the first year on an academic topic from the working age adult teaching in the ~~previous~~ Michaelmas term.

## **2. Sections 5 and 6, citations 1.29-1.30**

5. Deadlines for the submission of all assessed work (including essay titles, essays, service improvement projects, integrated clinical reports, critical reviews, research proposals and research reports) will be published annually in the course handbook and on the course VLE by the Institute ~~in the 'Annual Course Syllabus book'~~ at the start of the academic year. ~~They will also be posted on the course VLE.~~

6. All material submitted for examination must be sent to the Chair of Examiners for the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, c/o the Head of Operations of OCPH Course Manager, Isis Education Centre, Warneford Hospital, Headington, Oxford. It shall be accompanied ~~by a statement indicating the extent of any contribution by others in~~ by a certificate signed by the candidate indicating that it is the candidate's own work, except where otherwise specified. In the case of the integrated clinical report, service-related project, and dissertation, this must be supported by a signed statement from the candidate's supervisor indicating that the material submitted is the candidate's own work.

## **3. Addition of Section 7, after citation 1.30**

7. Once the board has granted a candidate leave to supplicate, they must submit an electronic version of their finalised copy of the thesis, as approved by the examiners, to the Oxford Research Archive. These should incorporate any corrections or amendments which the examiners may have requested of the candidate. The examiners must confirm in writing in their report to the board that any corrections required have been made. No corrections, changes or additions of any kind shall be made to the thesis after the board has granted a candidate leave to supplicate.

### **Explanatory Notes**

Paragraph 5 consolidates the provision of deadlines into the course handbook rather than a separate document. Paragraph 6 recognises the need to acknowledge the increase in students being embedded in research teams and working collaboratively. Paragraph 7 fully aligns the DClinPsych programme with other University Research Degrees. The change also provides for electronic deposit of the degree thesis to the Bodleian as a development triggered by the Covid 19 pandemic.

Timing of the extended essay depends on timetabling for teaching, so we are requesting flexibility for this as the period allowed is three full days for completion of that work.

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board****Approved on behalf of Education Committee 26 July 2022****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Clinical Trials

**Brief note about nature of change:** Changes to assessment and paper arrangements**Location of change**In *Examination Regulations 2020-21* [2021-22, Master of Science by Coursework in Clinical Trials \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)**Effective date****For students starting from MT 2022**

And

**For first examination from 2022-23****Detail of change:**

Amend citation references 1.10 – 1.20 as follows:

**D. Study criteria for eligibility for awards**

The modules available within the Programme are specified in the Schedule below. Every candidate for the MSc award will be required to satisfy the examiners as detailed below:

(i) completion of all modules in the Sschedule below;(ii) submission of ~~four~~ three summative assessments as follows:

a) A report of not more than 2,500 words ~~on a topic selected by the Examination Board and based on modules 1 and 2 studied as set out in the Schedule to be submitted online via the approved submission system at end of Hilary Term before the start of Trinity Term~~ in Year 1.

b) A scientific poster based on materials studied in the first 4 modules incorporating material covered in Modules 3 and 4 to be submitted online via the approved

~~submission system at the end of the Long Vacation in Year 1.~~

~~e) b) An essay of not more than 3,000~~ 2,500 words ~~selected from a list provided by the Examination Board and based on modules 5 and 6 as set out in the Schedule to be submitted online via the approved submission system in Michaelmas term in Year 2.~~

~~d) c) A recorded 15-minute PowerPoint presentation of no more than 10 minutes on a topic selected by the Examination Board and based on material studied in modules 7 and 8 to be submitted online via the approved submission system at the end of Trinity term in Year 2.~~

(iii) Submission of a dissertation of not more than 10,000 words (~~excluding tables, graphs, references and bibliography~~), comprising a research proposal in the style of a grant application for a randomized trial, and to include a systematic review of previous evidence, on a topic selected by the candidate in consultation with the supervisor and approved by the Organising Committee. Approval must be sought no later than the end of Michaelmas term in the academic year of submission. The dissertation must be submitted online via the approved submission system, after the end of Trinity term in Year 2 on a date to be specified in the course handbook;

(iv) Attendance at ~~the first~~ at least one Residential School following at least 3 terms of study and prior to submission of the dissertation.

(v) An examination ~~paper with questions referring to modules 1 to 4 set out in the Schedule~~ to be held in the Long Vacation of Year 1.

### **Explanatory Notes**

Changes are as follows:

- Removal of the scientific poster as a summative assessment
- Reduction in the length of the essay assessment
- Reduction in the length of the presentation time
- Removal of the designated modules on which assessments are based – these will instead be stated in the Examination Conventions and course handbook

These changes are made in response to feedback from students and examiners, in part to reduce the workload for the students and to ensure that students are assessed in the most appropriate way and at the best time.

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Amendment to Regulations approved on behalf of Education Committee on 6 September 2022**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Genomic Medicine

**Brief note about nature of change:** removal of information about the length of elective essays for this new programme

**Location of change**

In the Examination Regulations 2021: <https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/>.

This is an amendment to the Regs for this new course- the Regs for this new course were initially published in the Gazette of 21 July 2022

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2022**

And

**For first examination from 2022-23**

Amend 4 (ii) to read:

(ii) For each of two Elective Modules selected from Set A and one Elective Module selected from Set B, as set out in the Schedule below, an essay ~~of 2,500-3,000 words~~ or an equivalent assessment appropriate to the elective module content.

**Explanatory Notes**

Removal of essay length from the Regulations as this is not compulsory to include which will allow more flexibility to amend the essay length in future as appropriate for the assessment. In the first instance, the essay/assessment length will be 2,000-2,500 words; this change to length is being made to better suit the planned assessment titles now that

more detailed planning for these modules has taken place.

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board****Course approved on behalf of Education Committee 27 August 2020****Regulations approved by officers on behalf of Education Committee 28 July 2022****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Global Healthcare Leadership

**Brief note about nature of change:** new programme**Location of change**In the Examination Regulations 2021: <https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/>**Effective date****For students starting from MT 2022**

And

**For first examination from 2022-23****Detail of change**

1. The course shall be under the supervision of the MSc Global Healthcare Leadership (MGHL) Course Oversight Committee of the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences.
2. Candidates will follow a programme of instruction in Global Healthcare Leadership for twenty-four months (part-time).
3. The programme will consist of eight compulsory courses, as prescribed in the schedule, and a dissertation of 10,000 words. Candidates must satisfy the examiners in the assessment associated with each component. Modes of assessment for each compulsory course will be published in the course handbook at the start of the course. Further details including, where applicable, submission and examination dates will also be published in the course handbook by the first week of the Michaelmas Term of the year in which the assessment takes place.

#### 4. Dissertation

(a) The title of the dissertation must be approved by the MGHL Programme Committee no later than the end of February in the second year of the programme.

(b) The dissertation supervision schedule is laid out in the dissertation guide, available on the programme learning platform. In exceptional circumstances additional supervision may be provided; requests should be made to the MSc Director.

(c) The dissertation, not exceeding 10,000 words in length, should demonstrate an ability to identify, formulate, implement and present a project in the area of Global Healthcare Leadership. The submission deadline will be given in the course handbook.

5. Assessments must be submitted using the University approved online submission system. Technical information on the requirements for online submissions is provided in the course handbook.

6. The Examiners may choose to examine any candidate viva voce.

7. If, for good cause, a student is temporarily unable to carry out their studies, one of the MSc Director(s) may grant the student a request for a temporary suspension of status, for not less than one month and not more than twelve months at any one time. Applications for suspension of status should be made to the MSc Director(s), c/o the Programme Manager. No student may be granted more than twenty-four months' suspension of status in this way by the MSc Director.

#### **Schedule of Core Courses**

Module 1: Healthcare Leader: Personal Perspectives and Challenges

Module 2: Organisational Leadership

Module 3: Systems Leading in Comparative Health Systems

Module 4: Leading with Evidence-Based Healthcare

Module 5: Healthcare Innovation

Module 6: Health Care Policy and Systems

Module 7: Challenges in Global Health

Module 8: Evidence Based Healthcare: Study Design and Research Methods

Dissertation



<b>Explanatory Notes</b>

Set of Examination Regulations for the MSc Global Healthcare Leadership which admits its first cohort in October 2022.

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved on behalf of Education Committee 11 July 2022**

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

Master of Science by Coursework in Sleep Medicine

**Brief note about nature of change:** Major change to diversify assessment methods

**Location of change**

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=moscinsleemedi>

**Effective date**

**For all students on course from MT 2022 and for first examination from 2022-23**

**Detail of change:**

**Amend citation references 1.6-1.29 (new text underlined, deleted text struck through).**

<sup>1.6</sup>6. Every candidate for an M.Sc. award will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

<sup>1.7</sup>(i) attendance at all modules specified in the *Schedule*;

<sup>1.8</sup>(ii) completion of each of the end of module MCQ assessment examinations prior to the Final Meeting of the Board of Examiners;

<sup>1.9</sup>(iii) ~~submission of eight essays of not more than 4,000 words each (excluding references, appendices, tables, figures or figure legends), relating to each of modules (i) to (viii). Two essays will be submitted at the end of Hilary Term in each year of the course, and two essays will be submitted at the end of Trinity Term in each year of the course, on dates to be specified by the Course Committee and published in the course handbook no later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the first year of the course. Each essay topic will be selected by the Board of Examiners. The essay topics will be distributed to the students at the start of Michaelmas term of the academic year in which the examination is taken~~ completion of the assessment for modules (i) to (viii) specified in the *Schedule*. For modules (i), (iii), (v) and (vii), submission of one essay per module of not more than 4,000 words. For module (ii), completion of an online examination. For module (iv), submission of an oral presentation and an online *viva voce*. For module (vi), completion of a live online case-study-based *viva voce* examination. For module (viii), submission of a poster presentation and an online *viva voce*.

Assessments will be submitted/conducted as follows: modules (i) and (ii) at the end of Hilary term in year 1 of the course; modules (iii) and (iv) at the end of Trinity Term in year 1 of the course; modules (v) and (vi) at the end of Hilary term in year 2 of the course; and modules (vii) and (viii) at the end of Trinity Term in year 2 of the course;

<sup>1.10</sup>(iv) submission of a dissertation of not more than 10,000 words ~~(excluding tables, graphs, references and bibliography)~~, on a subject selected by the candidate in consultation with the dissertation supervisor and approved by the

Course Committee. Approval must be sought by no later than the end of Hilary Term in the first year of the course. The dissertation must be submitted in the Long Vacation of the second year of the course on a date ~~to be specified by the Course Committee~~ and published in the course handbook no later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the first year of the course;

<sup>1.11</sup>(v) attendance at the Residential School following at least 2 terms of study and prior to submission of the dissertation.

7. Candidates who are not registered for an award but are undertaking any module from the *Schedule* for credit (see clause 18) will submit an essay of not more than 4,000 words each for each module completed. Information on assessment requirements and submission deadlines is provided in the course handbook.

<sup>1.12</sup>7. 8. Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce after submission of the dissertation, on a date to be arranged by the examiners. Viva voce will normally cover the content of all the assessed work and will be conducted via video conference.

<sup>1.13</sup>~~8. 9. Essays Submitted~~ assessments shall be submitted, in electronic format via the University approved assessment platform, ~~to the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc. in Sleep Medicine~~. The format of each submission and the deadlines for submission shall be ~~specified by the Course Committee~~ and published in the course handbook at the start of Michaelmas Term of the first year of the course.

<sup>1.14</sup>~~9. 10.~~ Dissertations shall be submitted in electronic format via the University approved assessment platform, ~~to the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc. in Sleep Medicine~~, by dates ~~to be specified by the Course Committee~~ and published in the course handbook no later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the first year of the course.

<sup>1.15</sup>~~10. 11.~~ All written submissions must be accompanied by a statement that they are the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

<sup>1.16</sup>~~11. 12.~~ Candidates must pass each assessment in order to pass the examination overall.

<sup>1.17</sup>~~12.~~ The examiners shall retain one copy of each dissertation of each successful M.Sc. candidate for deposit in the appropriate departmental library.

<sup>1.18</sup>13. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the any of the assessments in clause 6. (iii) or (iv) may attempt the failed assessment(s) on no more than one further occasion usually within one year of the original failure.

<sup>1.19</sup>(i) ~~extended essays will be permitted, by 2pm Thursday of Week 8 of the term following the term in which the results were notified to the candidate, to resubmit work in respect of the part or parts they have failed on not more than one occasion.~~

<sup>1.20</sup>(ii) ~~dissertation will be permitted, by 2pm on the first Thursday in September in the year following the original date of submission, to resubmit the work in respect of the part or parts they have failed on not more than one occasion.~~

<sup>1.21</sup>14. Candidates who fail any of the extended essays assessments for modules (i)-(viii) or dissertation at the second attempt will be judged to have failed to reach the necessary standard for the award.

1.2215. Candidates who have failed the dissertation but have satisfied the requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma may be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma.

1.2316. Candidates who have satisfied the requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma and who do not wish to continue their studies, may end their registration and at that point be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma.

1.2417. In the case that a candidate who has been awarded the Postgraduate Diploma is readmitted to the M.Sc. then the following apply:

1.25(i) If any candidate who is successful in the examination for the M.Sc. has previously successfully completed the Postgraduate Diploma, then the subsequent award will subsume his or her previous award.

1.26(ii) If any student who has previously successfully completed the Postgraduate Diploma and ended their registration on the Programme subsequently is re-admitted to the M.Sc., the Course Committee shall have the discretion to deem satisfactory completion of modules within the Postgraduate Diploma as having met the attendance and examination requirements in respect of the modules (i)-(viii) specified in the *Schedule*. Such discretion will normally only be exercised if the time elapsed between completion of the final module contributing to the Postgraduate Diploma and registering for the M.Sc. is not more than three years.

1.27(iii) Candidates will be required to submit a dissertation as specified in clause point 6(iv) above, however the deadline for approval of the dissertation subject will be the end of Friday of Week 8 of Michaelmas Term following readmission.

~~1.2818. In the case of a candidate who is readmitted they will be subject to the Examination Conventions in force at the date of their readmission.~~

- ~~1.2919~~ 18. In the case that a candidate has undertaken a module (as outlined in the Schedule) for credit prior to enrolling onto the MSc in Sleep Medicine programme, the organising committee shall have discretion to deem satisfactory completion of the module (including the associated assessment) prior to registration for the MSc in Sleep Medicine as having met the examination requirements in respect of that module under clause 6. above. ~~The organising committee shall decide if the candidate has met the attendance and examination requirements in respect of that module under 6.i-iii above.~~ Such discretion will normally only be exercised if the time elapsed between commencement of the accredited module concerned and registration for the MSc in Sleep Medicine is not more than three years. The maximum number of modules taken for credit prior to registration for the MSc in Sleep Medicine that can contribute to the achievement of the award shall be three.

### Explanatory Notes

1. **Diversification of Assessment Methods** (approved by MSD and Education Committee). The changes are in line with University of Oxford policy on Flexible and Inclusive Teaching and will result in an improved alignment between the assessment process and the course/module learning outcomes and promote inclusivity in assessment design. Extended essays are to be retained for half of the assessed modules (one per pair of assessed modules) to enable the course team to continue to monitor student progress using this established assessment method. The remaining modules will be assessed using a diverse range of authentic assessment methods (Villarroel *et al.* 2017).

2. **Retention of essay based assessment of all modules for credits** (approved by MSD and Education Committee). We will continue to use the extended essay assessment in all cases, as currently stated in the examination regulations, to permit parity in the assessment of students who in some cases only undertake a single module for credit.

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved on behalf of Education Committee 11 July 2022**

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

Postgraduate Diploma in Sleep Medicine

**Brief note about nature of change:** Major change to diversify assessment methods

**Location of change**

[2019-20, Postgraduate Diploma in Sleep Medicine \(ox.ac.uk\)](https://www.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate/postgraduate/diploma/sleep-medicine)

**Effective date**

**For all students on course from MT 2022 and for first examination from 2022-23**

**Detail of change:**

**Amend citation references 1.6-1.16 (new text underlined, deleted text struck through).**

<sup>1.6</sup>6. Every candidate for a Postgraduate Diploma award will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

<sup>1.7</sup>(i) attendance at all modules specified in the *Schedule*;

<sup>1.8</sup>(ii) completion of each of the end of module MCQ assessment examinations prior to the Final Meeting of the Board of Examiners;

<sup>1.9</sup>(iii) ~~submission of eight essays of not more than 4,000 words each, relating to each of modules (i) to (viii). Two essays will be submitted at the end of Hilary Term in each year of the course, and two essays will be submitted at the end of Trinity Term in each year of the course, on dates to be specified by the Course Committee and published in the course handbook no later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the first year of the course. Each essay topic will be selected by the Board of Examiners. The essay topics will be distributed to the students at the start of Michaelmas term of the academic year in which the examination is taken;~~ completion of the assessment for modules (i) to (viii) specified in the *Schedule*. For modules (i), (iii), (v) and (vii), submission of one essay per module of not more than 4,000 words. For module (ii), completion of an online examination. For module (iv), submission of an oral presentation and an online *viva voce*. For module (vi), completion of a live online case-study-based *viva voce* examination. For module (viii), submission of a poster presentation and an online *viva voce*.

Assessments will be submitted/conducted as follows: modules (i) and (ii) at the end of Hilary term in year 1 of the course; modules (iii) and (iv) at the end of Trinity Term in year 1 of the course; modules (v) and (vi) at the end of Hilary term in year 2 of the course; and modules (vii) and (viii) at the end of Trinity Term in year 2 of the course;

<sup>1.10</sup>(iv) attendance at the Residential School following at least two terms of study.

7. Candidates who are not registered for an award but are undertaking any module from the Schedule for credit (see clause 13) will submit an essay of not more than 4,000 words each for each module completed. Information on assessment requirements and submission deadlines is provided in the course handbook.

~~1.117.~~ 8. Essays Submitted assessments shall be submitted, in electronic format via the University approved assessment platform Moodle Assignment Submission System, to the Chair of Examiners, Postgraduate Diploma in Sleep Medicine. The format of each submission and the deadlines for submission shall be specified by the Course Committee and published in the course handbook no later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the first year of the course.

~~1.128.~~ 9. Essays All written submissions must be accompanied by a statement that they are the candidate's work except where otherwise indicated.

~~1.139.~~ 10. Candidates must pass each assessment in order to pass the examination overall.

~~1.1410.~~ 11. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the ~~extended essays will be permitted, by 2pm, Thursday of Week 8 of the term following the term in which the results were notified to the candidate, to resubmit work in respect of the part or parts they have failed on not more than one occasion,~~ any of the assessments in clause 6. (iii) may attempt the failed assessment(s) on no more than one further occasion usually within one year of the original failure.

~~1.1511.~~ 12. Candidates who fail any of the ~~essays~~ assessments for modules (i)-(viii) at the second attempt will be judged to have failed to reach the necessary standard for the award.

~~1.1612.~~ 13. In the case that a candidate has undertaken a module (as outlined in the Schedule) for credit prior to enrolling onto the PGDip in Sleep Medicine programme, the organising committee shall have discretion to deem satisfactory completion of the module (including the associated assessment material) prior to registration for the PGDip in Sleep Medicine as having met the examination requirements in respect of that module under clause 6. above. ~~The organising committee shall decide if the candidate has met the attendance and examination requirements in respect of that module under 6.i-iii above.~~ Such discretion will normally only be exercised if the time elapsed between commencement of the accredited module concerned and registration for the PGDip in Sleep Medicine is not more than three years. The maximum number of modules taken for credit prior to registration for the PGDip in Sleep Medicine that can contribute to the achievement of the award shall be three.

### **Explanatory Notes**

- 1. Diversification of Assessment Methods** (approved by MSD and Education Committee). The changes are in line with University of Oxford policy on Flexible and Inclusive Teaching and will result in an improved alignment between the assessment process and the course/module learning outcomes and promote inclusivity in assessment design. Extended essays are to be retained for half of the assessed modules (one per pair of assessed modules) to enable the course team to continue to monitor student progress using this established assessment method. The remaining modules will be assessed using a diverse range of authentic assessment methods (Villarroel *et al.* 2017).

2. **Retention of essay based assessment of all modules for credits** (approved by MSD and Education Committee). We will continue to use the extended essay assessment in all cases, as currently stated in the examination regulations, to permit parity in the assessment of students who in some cases only undertake a single module for credit.



**Medical Sciences Divisional Board****Major change to PPL Prelims approved by Education Committee February 2021****Regulations approved 27 September 2022****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation****Preliminary Examination in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics****Brief note about nature of change:** change to Prelims Regs following the introduction of the new 4-year programmes in Experimental Psychology and PPL and associated changes to Prelims**Location of change**In the Examination Regulations 2022: [2022-23, Preliminary Examination in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)**Effective date****For students starting from MT 2022**

And

**For first examination from 2022-23****Please delete all existing text.****Please replace with the following text:****Preliminary Examination in Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics**

1. This Examination shall be under the joint supervision of the Medical Sciences Divisional Board and the Faculty Boards of Philosophy and of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics.

2. The subjects of the examination shall be:

(1) Introduction to Psychology

- (2) Introduction to Philosophy
- (3) Introduction to Linguistics
- (4) Introduction to Neurophysiology
- (5) Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics

3. Candidates must take any three of the five subjects.

4. Candidates must pass all three subjects to pass the Preliminary Examination.

5. A candidate who fails one subject will be permitted one further attempt at this failed subject.

6. A candidate who fails two or three subjects shall be deemed to have failed the whole examination. They will be permitted one further attempt at the whole examination.

7. The examiners may award a Distinction to candidates of special merit who satisfy them in three subjects at their first examination attempt.

8. The papers are as follows:

(1) Introduction to Psychology  
This subject will consist of one written paper.

(2) Introduction to Philosophy  
This subject will consist of two written papers:

I. *General Philosophy*

II. *(a) Moral Philosophy and (b) Logic*

(3) Introduction to Linguistics  
This subject will consist of two written papers as specified in the regulations for Linguistics in all Preliminary Examinations including Linguistics.

(4) Introduction to Neurophysiology  
This subject will consist of one written paper.

(5) Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics  
This subject will consist of one written paper.

### **Explanatory Notes**

Change to Prelims Regs following the introduction of the new 4-year programmes in Experimental Psychology and PPL and associated changes to Prelims

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Course approved on behalf of Education Committee in December 2021**

**Regulations approved by officers on behalf of Education Committee in October 2022**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Applied Digital Health

**Brief note about nature of change:** new programme

**Location of change**

In the Examination Regulations 2022: <https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2022**

And

**For first examination from 2022-23**

1. The Medical Sciences Divisional Board will appoint a Programme Committee for the supervision of the course. The Programme Committee will arrange teaching and student supervision and will appoint an Academic Advisor and a Dissertation Supervisor for each candidate.
2. Candidates will follow a course of study in Applied Digital Health for at least three terms and for a substantial part of the subsequent vacations, as determined by the course timetable.
3. The programme will consist of eight compulsory modules, as prescribed in the schedule, with one assessment unit for each module as well as a dissertation. Candidates must satisfy the Examiners in each assessment unit.
4. The Module 8 assessment unit consists of two assessment items: a written submission and a recorded presentation. Candidates must submit both assessment items; if a candidate does not submit both Module 8 assessment items then the whole Module 8 assessment unit will be deemed a non-submission. The mark for the Module 8 assessment unit will be the weighted average of the two assessment items, as detailed in the Examination Conventions.

5. The dissertation research project must have been granted final approval by the MSc Academic Directors by the end of the Hilary term. The dissertation deadline will be published in the course handbook each year.
6. All module summative assessments and the dissertation must be submitted via the authorised online submission site, by dates to be specified by the Programme Committee and published in the course handbook.
7. Candidates who fail to satisfy the Examiners in any of the eight module assessment units, either as a result of poor academic performance or non-submission of an assessment item or assessment unit, may enter again for the assessment unit on one, but not more than one, subsequent occasion. Ideally this will be within the same academic year before the final examination board. Alternatively it may be at the time these assessments are submitted during the following academic year. No candidate who has satisfied the examiners in an assessment unit may enter again for the same assessment unit.
8. Candidates who fail to satisfy the Examiners in the dissertation will be given the opportunity to work on improving the write-up of their project and may resubmit their dissertation once (and only once) more, normally in the same academic year, prior to the final Exam Board meeting in September. Where extensions or other unforeseen circumstances mean that resubmission in the same academic year is not possible, resubmission should take place in the following academic year, by a date agreed with the Exam Board.
9. Candidates must pass each assessment unit in order to pass the examination overall.
10. Candidates who have failed the requirements of the MSc but have satisfied the requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma (all the requirements for the MSc, except completion of the dissertation) may be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma.
11. Candidates who have satisfied the requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma (all the requirements for the MSc, except completion of the dissertation) and who do not wish to continue their studies, may end their registration and at that point be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma.

### **Schedule of Modules**

1. Foundations of Digital Health
2. Clinical Informatics for Trials and Health Surveillance
3. Harnessing Big Data to Improve Care
4. Remote Monitoring and Digital Diagnostics
5. Supporting Health Behaviour Change Using Digital Tools
6. Digital Transformation of Primary Care
7. Economics of Digital Health
8. User Focused Design and the Lifecycle of Digital Health Innovation

### **Explanatory Notes**

Set of Examination Regulations for the MSc Applied Digital Health which admits its first cohort in October 2022.

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved on behalf of MSD Educational Policy and Standards Committee in Sept 2022**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Clinical and Therapeutic Neuroscience

**Brief note about nature of change:** Minor amendment to course structure and delivery of modules 1 & 2

**Location of change**

In the Exam Regs 2022-23

[2020-21, Master of Science by Coursework in Clinical and Therapeutic Neuroscience \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

**Effective date**

For students starting from MT 2022 and first examination from 2022-2023

**Detail of change**

Amend citation reference 4 (ii): each candidate will be required to submit to the examiners online via the approved submission system a pdf of a typed essay of not more than 3,000 words on a topic chosen by the student and approved by the Organising Committee for each of the two modules in Hilary and Trinity terms (4 essays in total), as set out in the Schedule. Candidates must submit their essay titles for approval by the Organising Committee ~~by deadlines determined by the organising committee and provided to students in the Examination Conventions.~~

Amend citation reference 4 (iii): each candidate will be required to submit to the examiners online via the approved submission system a pdf dissertation of not

more than 6,000 words (~~excluding bibliography and appendices~~) on each of the two research projects chosen for study, as set out in the Schedule

Amend citation reference 4 (v): each candidate will be required to participate in the compulsory Journal Club where papers are critically analysed and give a presentation. ~~Journal club analyses will not contribute to the final marks. Journal Club presentations will not contribute to final marks.~~

Amend: The syllabus for study will include three principal components:

a) *Introduction to brain disorders and treatments*

Two modules consisting of lectures on psychiatric and neurological disorders, their current treatments and unmet needs. ~~Candidates will attend lectures on basic neuroanatomy; pharmacokinetics and neuropharmacology which are provided by the taught MSc in Pharmacology course.~~ Candidates will be required to attend a seminar and practical class on statistics, and instruction on essay writing and journal clubs, approved by the Organising Committee.

- Module 1: *Clinical features, pathophysiology and treatments of psychiatric disorders.* ~~*The Psychopathology, pathophysiology and molecular neuropathology of brain disorders.*~~
- Module 2: *Clinical features, pathophysiology and treatments of neurological disorders.* ~~*Pharmacological, neurological and psychological treatments.*~~

### **Explanatory Notes**

Feedback from previous cohorts was that students preferred all psychiatry lectures to be in module 1 and neurological lectures to be in module 2 rather than psychiatry and neurological disorders followed by their treatments.

The removal of deadlines for submission of essay titles and the restructure of journal clubs was a natural progression that the course has taken.

In response to student feedback from previous years, there is no longer a requirement for students to attend the Michaelmas Term lectures on basic neuroanatomy, pharmacokinetics and neuropharmacology which are delivered as part of the MSc Pharmacology course. MSc CTN students felt that the neuroanatomy overview was too fundamental, and they learnt in greater detail human brain anatomy over the Hilary and Trinity Terms. The pharmacokinetics lectures were also deemed too basic as the subject is covered with more clinical relevance in the MSc Pharmacology lectures in Hilary Term, which MSc CTN students are required to attend. In contrast, the neuropharmacology lectures were too detailed. Students felt that the neuropharmacology they learn throughout the MSc CTN course was more relevant to the treatment of brain disorders, which was their main learning objective.





**Medical Sciences Divisional Board****Amendment to Regs approved on behalf of Education Committee 11/10/22****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Genomic Medicine

**Brief note about nature of change:** change of submission date for the research project dissertation**Location of change**[2022-23, Master of Science by Coursework in Genomic Medicine \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

This is an amendment to the Regs for this new course- the Regs for this new course were initially published in the Gazette of 21 July 2022

Please also see the amendment to these Regs published in the Gazette of 22 September 2022 relating to the elective assessment word count.

**Effective date****For students starting from MT 2022**

And

**For first examination from 2022-23**

Amend 7 to read:

Candidates will submit their dissertation via the approved online assessment platform by 12 noon on the ~~fourth last~~ Monday of July; exact dates will be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the course handbook.

**Explanatory Notes**

This more closely reflects the description of the course on the graduate admissions page,

allowing 12-14 weeks for the research project.

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by MSD Divisional officers in Sept 2022**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in International Health and Tropical Medicine

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Amendment to titles of elective (Options) modules under Schedule; Removal of an optional module; module name change

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations*: [2022-23, Master of Science by Coursework in International Health and Tropical Medicine \(ox.ac.uk\)](https://www.ox.ac.uk/examination-regulations/2022-23/master-of-science-by-coursework-in-international-health-and-tropical-medicine)

**Effective date**

For students starting from MT 2022

And

For first examination from 2022-23

**Detail of change**

1. Amend citation *Schedule B. Options* as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):
  - B. *Options*
    1. Vaccinology
    2. Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health
    3. International Development and Health
    4. Development, Environment and Health
    - ~~5. Case Studies in Field Epidemiology~~
    5. Health Innovation and Entrepreneurship
    6. Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases
    - ~~7. Health Management~~

**Explanatory Notes**

The changes are made to amend the list of optional module on offer as approved by the Medical Sciences Division as follows:

- *Case Studies in Field Epidemiology* option will no longer be offered this academic year due to the retirement of the module leads
- The name of the *Health Management* option was updated to make it clearer the focus on *Health Innovation and Entrepreneurship*

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board****Approved by Julia Leung (MSD divisional officer) on 12.10.22****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Pharmacology

**Brief note about nature of change:** Minor amendments to text**Location of change**[2022-23, Master of Science by Coursework in Pharmacology \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)**Effective date**

For students starting from MT 2022 and for first examination from 2022-23

**Detail of change**

Amend citation 1.35:

The research project will normally be laboratory-based, but in exceptional circumstances students may undertake a library-based project, subject to approval ~~from~~ by the Organising Committee.

**Explanatory Notes**

The change was made to maintain consistency in grammar.

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board****Approved by MSD Divisional officers in Nov 2022****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Applied Digital Health

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Amendment to the timing of dissertation resits

**Location of change**In the Examination Regulations 2022: <https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/>

Please refer also to the Gazette notice of 20 October 2022.

**Effective date****For students starting from MT 2022**

And

**For first examination from 2022-23****Detail of change**

8. Candidates who fail to satisfy the Examiners in the dissertation will be given the opportunity to work on improving the content and/or write-up of their project and may resubmit their dissertation once (and only once) more, normally in the same academic year, prior to the final Exam Board meeting in September. ~~Where extensions or other unforeseen circumstances mean that resubmission in the same academic year is not possible, resubmission should take place in the following academic year, by a date agreed with the Exam Board. These will usually be submitted at the normal time dissertations are submitted the following academic year. It may, at the discretion of the Examiners and with the agreement of the candidate, be possible to arrange an earlier submission for dissertation re-sits.~~

**Explanatory Notes**

The changes are made to amend the timing of dissertation resits from normally in the same academic year prior to the Final Exam Board meeting in September to usually at the normal time dissertations are submitted the following academic year.

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by MSD Divisional officer in June 2023**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Research Degrees in the Medical Sciences Division

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Changes to (a) the list of research degrees which can be undertaken through part-time study and (b) the list of programmes whereon students may hold Probationer Research Student status for a maximum of six terms. Clarification is also given that (c) these regulations do not apply to the degrees of Doctor of Clinical Psychology and Doctor of Medicine.

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23*, Research Degrees in the Medical Sciences Division (<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=rditmedisciedivi>)

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2023**

**Detail of change**

Before '1. Admission of Research Students', insert:

*'[These regulations do not apply to the degrees of Doctor of Clinical Psychology and Doctor of Medicine.]'*

Under '1. Admission of Research Students', amend citation reference 1.3 as follows:

In assessing applications from candidates seeking to undertake a research degree through part-time study in Clinical Medicine, Clinical Neurosciences, Experimental Psychology, Medical Sciences, Molecular and Cellular Medicine, Musculoskeletal Sciences, Population Health, Psychiatry, Primary Care Health Sciences, ~~and~~ Translational Health Sciences, and Women's and Reproductive Health, the responsible admitting body shall have regard to evidence that:

Under '2. Probationer Status', amend citation references 1.11 – 1.17 as follows:



Students on the programmes listed below may hold Probationer Research Student status for a maximum of six terms:

D.Phil. in Advanced Bioscience of Viral Products

D.Phil. in Cancer Science (track 3 only, for non-clinical/fundamental scientists)

D.Phil. in Cardiovascular Science (BHF)

D.Phil. in Cellular Structural Biology

D.Phil. in Chemistry in Cells

D.Phil. in Chromosome and Developmental Biology

D.Phil. in Genomic Medicine and Statistics

D.Phil. in Health Data Science (HDR UK/Turing Wellcome)

D.Phil. in Infection, Immunology and Translational Medicine

D.Phil. in Ion Channels and Membrane Transport in Health and Disease (OXION)

~~D.Phil. in Structural Biology~~

### **Explanatory Notes**

This change updates the list of research degrees in the Medical Sciences Division which can be directly applied to on a part-time basis, and also updates the list of 4-year structured doctoral programmes in the Medical Sciences Division where students may hold PRS status for a maximum of six terms, to accurately include all those approved.

A note has also been inserted to clarify that these regulations do not apply to the degree of Doctor of Clinical Psychology, which is now a postgraduate research degree, nor to the degree of Doctor of Medicine in light of major changes to that degree which affirm it to be a postgraduate research degree (a professional doctorate at award level 8). Regulations for the two degrees are published separately in the *Examination Regulations*.

2223-04-LPT

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by MSD Divisional officers in June 2023**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Regulations Concerning the Status of Graduate Taught Students

**Brief note about nature of change:** Removal of Postgraduate Diploma in Musculoskeletal Sciences (part time) from the Regulations

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23*: [2022-23, Regulations Concerning the Status of Graduate Taught Students \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

**Effective date**

**From MT 2023**

**Detail of change**

Remove the following course from the table:

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Maximum time permitted</b>	<b>Maximum suspensions permitted</b>
<u>Postgraduate Diploma in Musculoskeletal Sciences (part time)</u>	<u>6 terms</u>	<u>12 terms</u>	<u>6 terms</u>

**Explanatory Notes**

The change is to remove the course which is not offered as a standalone course.

2223-02-LPT

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved at the meeting of the Graduate School Committee on 21.02.23**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Applied Digital Health

**Brief note about nature of change:** Amendment of two module titles

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23*:

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mombsciappldigiheal&srchYear=2022&srchTerm=1&year=2022&term=1>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2023**

And

**For first examination from 2023-24**

**Detail of change**

Amend **citations 1.13 and 1.14** as follows:

2. ~~Clinical Informatics for Trials and Health Surveillance~~ Real World Data for Disease Surveillance and Quality Improvement
3. ~~Harnessing Big Data to Improve Care~~ Harnessing Big Data for Clinical Decision Support

**Explanatory Notes**

The revised module titles better represent the module content.

2223-01-LPT

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by MSD Divisional officers in May 2023**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Clinical and Therapeutic Neuroscience

**Brief note about nature of change:** Minor amendment to research project

**Location of change**

In Examination Regulations 2022-23:

[2022-23, Master of Science by Coursework in Clinical and Therapeutic Neuroscience \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

**Effective date**

For students starting from MT 2023 and first examination from 2023-2024

**SCHEDULE**

Amend **citation 1.27** as follows:

Two research projects based on the candidate's laboratory placements, each under the supervision of a research supervisor, on subjects selected in consultation with the Organising Committee. The research projects shall be in separate areas of clinical and therapeutic neuroscience. The research project will normally be laboratory-based, but in exceptional circumstances students may undertake a library-based project, subject to approval by the Organising Committee.

**Explanatory Notes**

It was agreed that in exceptional circumstances students should be offered a library based project instead of a laboratory research project. The reason for this is to allow for issue and delays in accessing data.

2223-07-LPT

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by MSD Divisional officer in June 2023**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Clinical Trials

**Brief note about nature of change:** minor amendment to the timing of attending residential school

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23*:  
[2022-23 Master of Science by Coursework in Clinical Trials](#)

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2023**

And

**For first examination from 2023-24**

**Detail of change**

Amend **citation 1.14** as follows:

(iv) Attendance at at least one Residential School following at least 3 terms of study ~~and prior to submission of the dissertation.~~

**Explanatory Notes**

The change is to give more flexibility in future if a student has to return to attend a later residential after they finish the rest of their course.

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved at the meeting of Educational Policy and Standards Committee on 09.06.23**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in International Health and Tropical Medicine

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Retitling of two modules and changes to assessment methodology of one module

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23*:

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosbciihandtropmedi&srchYear=2022&srchTerm=1&year=2022&term=1>

**Effective date**

For students starting from MT 2023 and

For first examination from 2023-24

**Detail of change**

Amend **citation 1.7** as follows:

**(iii)** For all options ~~except Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases~~: a 3,000-4,000 word submission (excluding bibliography, references, tables and figures). The topic of the submission must be selected from a choice of titles approved by the Organising Committee and based on the optional modules studied as set out in the Schedule.

Delete **citation 1.8**:

~~For the Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases module: A computer program or piece of mathematical analysis (both of which are the equivalent of 1,000 words) accompanied by a short report of 2,000 to 3,000 words.~~

Amend **citation 1.22** as follows:

2. Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, ~~and~~ Child and Adolescent Health

Amend **citation 1.26** as follows:

6. Introduction to Mathematical Modelling ~~of~~ for Infectious Diseases

### **Explanatory Notes**

The updated title “Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health” is to correspond with changes in international classifications on the topic.

The updated assessment and title of Introduction to Mathematical Modelling for Infectious Diseases is to reflect the reconsideration of module content and revised intended learning outcomes, responding to students’ feedback and will align with assessment of all other options.



2223-09-LPT

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved at the meeting of Educational Policy and Standards Committee on 09.06.23**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Modelling for Global Health

**Brief note about nature of change:** Removal of one option and retitling of another option

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23*:

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mospbcimodeforglobheal>

**Effective date**

For students starting from MT 2023

[And]

For first examination from 2023/24

**Detail of change**

Amend **citation 1.25** as follows:

~~VII. Introduction to C++ for Modellers~~ Individual based models in C++

Delete **citation 1.26**:

~~VIII. Data Science in Python~~

Amend **citation 1.27** as follows:

~~IX.VIII.~~ Introduction to Genetics and Evolution for Infectious Diseases Modellers

**Explanatory Notes**

The changes are made to amend the list of optional modules on offer as approved by the Medical Sciences Division as follows:

Data Science in Python option will no longer be offered in future MGH iterations due to its overlap with other MSc courses at Oxford.

The name of *the Introduction to C++ for modellers* option was updated to clarify the nature of the module to *Individual based models in C++*.

2223-05-LPT

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by MSD divisional officer in June 2023**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Musculoskeletal Sciences

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Rewording to improve clarity on the criteria for the Postgraduate Diploma award and include only the high level of detail in the regulations

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2022-2023*:

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=moscbinmuscsce&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2020&term=1>

**Effective date**

**For students on course from MT2022 and**

**For first examination from 2023-24**

**Detail of change**

- Amend citation 1.7 as follows:

(a) Each candidate shall submit a literature review of no more than 4,000 words on a topic selected by the candidate and approved by the Organising Committee. The review must be submitted in June on a date to be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken in year one of the programme.

- Amend citation 1.8 as follows:

(b) Each candidate must pass an examination in September on a date to be specified by the Organising Committee which will be published in the student course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term ~~of the academic year in which the examination is taken~~ in year one of the programme. The examination will comprise two elements: the first of these will consist of a ~~one-hour~~ computer-based assessment comprising multiple-choice questions; the second of these will constitute a ~~two-hour~~ written paper.

- Amend citation 1.10 as follows:

(a) Each candidate will be assessed on their presentation skills by means of a public oral presentation on his or her research topic. The presentation must take place in March on a date to be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term ~~of the academic year in which the examination is taken~~ in year two of the programme.

- Amend citation 1.11 as follows:

(b) Each candidate must submit a written summative research proposal of no more than 10,000 words on a topic selected by the candidate and approved by the Organising Committee. The proposal must be submitted in June on a date to be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term ~~of the academic year in which the examination is taken~~ in year two of the programme.

- Amend citation 1.12 as follows:

(c) Each candidate must pass an examination in September on the date to be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term ~~of the academic year in which the examination is taken~~ in year two of the programme. The examination will comprise two elements: the first of these will consist of a ~~one-hour~~ computer-based assessment comprising multiple-choice questions; the second of these will constitute a ~~two-hour~~ written paper.

- Amend citation 1.16 as follows:

9. The required written submissions must be uploaded to the virtual learning environment specified by the organising committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken. ~~Submissions must be accompanied by an electronic declaration of authorship and originality.~~ The assignments will be checked for plagiarism with a software programme called Turnitin.

- Amend citation 1.17 as follows:

~~10. The examiners may award a Postgraduate Diploma to candidates who have satisfied the requirements for all assessments with the exception of the written~~

~~research proposal and who do not wish to continue their studies, or who fail to meet the required standard for the written research proposal.~~

10. Candidates who have failed the requirements of the MSc but have satisfied the requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma (all the requirements for the MSc, except completion of the written summative research proposal and the research proposal presentation) may be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma.

11. Candidates who have satisfied the requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma (all the requirements for the MSc, except completion of the written summative research proposal and the research proposal presentation) and who do not wish to continue their studies, may end their registration and at that point be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma.

### **Explanatory Notes**

The new wording will improve clarity on the criteria for the Postgraduate Diploma award and include only the high level of detail in the regulations.

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board****Approved by MSD Divisional officers in July 2023****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Precision Cancer Medicine

**Brief note about nature of change:** Removal of retention requirement for dissertation**Location of change**In *Examination Regulations 2022/23*<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=moscbcipreccancmedi&srchYear=2022&srchTerm=1&year=2022&term=1>**Effective date**

For students starting from MT 2023 and for first examination from 2023-24

**Detail of change**Remove **citation 1.9:**

~~6. The examiners shall retain one copy of each dissertation of each successful candidate for electronic deposit in the Radcliffe Science Library.~~

Amend **citations 1.10-1.13** as follows:

~~7-6.~~ Candidates must pass each assessment in order to pass the examination overall.

~~8~~ 7. Candidates who have failed any assessment at second attempt will be deemed to have failed the requirements of the MSc.

~~9~~ 8. Candidates who have failed the requirement of the MSc but have satisfied the requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma (all the requirements for the MSc, except completion of the dissertation) may be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma.

40 9. Candidates who have satisfied the requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma (all the requirements for the MSc, except completion of the dissertation) and who do not wish to continue their studies, may end their registration and at that point be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma.

**Explanatory Notes**

This is to correct an inaccuracy of a previous statement. This is not something that is done for taught MSc courses, this has never been the case and this statement was included in error.

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board****Approved by MSD Divisional officer in June 2023****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]**

Honour School of Cell and Systems Biology and Honour School of Neuroscience

**Brief note about nature of change:** Minor clarification of progression hurdle**Location of change**In *Examination Regulations 2022-23*: [2021-22, Honour School of Cell and Systems Biology and Honour School of Neuroscience \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)**Effective date****For students starting from MT 2021 [And]****For first examination from 2022-23 (for FHS Part A)****Detail of change**Amend **citations 1.6** as follows:

6. No candidate shall be admitted to the Part B examination in either school unless they have completed the Part A examination in the school. No candidate shall be admitted to the Part C examination in either school unless they have completed the Part A and Part B examinations in the school, and achieved a weighted mean mark of at least 60.0 across both parts, based on the relative weighting of Parts A and B within the three-part Final Honour School, as set out in the Examination Conventions.

**Explanatory Notes**

The conditions for progressing to Part C of the three-year FHS were set out in the proposal for the new integrated Masters course in Biomedical Sciences. These have now been added to the Examination Regulations.



2223-01-LUG

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by MSD Divisional officer in July 2023**

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

Preliminary Examination in Biomedical Sciences

**Brief note about nature of change:** Minor change to nomenclature

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23*

[2022-23, Preliminary Examination in Biomedical Sciences \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2023 [And]**

**For first examination from MT 2023-24**

**Detail of change**

Amend **citation 1.12** as follows:

The Moderators will permit the use of hand-held pocket calculators subject to the conditions set out under the heading 'Use of calculators' in the *Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations*. The letter sent to all candidates by the ~~Chairman~~ Chair of Moderators will specify in which papers the use of calculators is permitted, and which calculators candidates will be permitted to use.

**Explanatory Notes**

Update to nomenclature to reflect non-gender specific role.

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

Approved on behalf of Education Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Preliminary Examination in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics

**Brief note about nature of change:** Removal of alternative route to pass qualifying Statistics paper

**Location of change**

In the Examination Regulations 2022:

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=peip-philandling&srchYear=2022&srchTerm=1&year=2022&term=1>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT2023**

And

**For first examination from 2023-24**

**Detail of change**

Include a new regulation after Citation 1.8

4. Candidates who intend to take Psychology in either the Honour School of Experimental Psychology or the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics must take the subject Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics.

Update the regulation numbers for the rest of the page.

**Explanatory Notes**

Following changes with the introduction of the new 4-year programme in Oct22 there was a need to remove the Qualifying Exam in Statistics that had previously been available but to retain the need for students studying Psychology elements at FHS to have been examined in the Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics.

2223-06-LPT

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by MSD Divisional officers in May 2023**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Postgraduate Diploma in Musculoskeletal Sciences

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Removal of the regulations for the Postgraduate Diploma

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2022-2023*:

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=pdinmuscscie&srchYear=2022&srchTerm=1&year=2021&term=1>

**Effective date**

From MT 2023

**Detail of change**

To remove the regulations from the Exam Regulations webpage.

**Explanatory Notes**

To remove the regulations for the Postgraduate Diploma as this will only be offered as an exit award of the MSc.