

Medical Sciences Divisional Board**Approved by the Medical Sciences Divisional Officer on 9th September 2025****Title of Programme**

Master of Science by Coursework in Applied Digital Health

Brief note about nature of change:

Minor amendment to dissertation timings

Location of changeIn *Examination Regulations 2025/26*<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=moscsciappldigiheal&srchYear=2025&srchTerm=1&year=2025&term=1>**Effective date****For students starting from MT 2025, and for first examination from 2025-26.****Detail of change**

Amend citation reference 1.1 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

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~~ Tutor and a Dissertation Supervisor for each candidate.

Amend citation reference. 1.7 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

~~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.~~

Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the dissertation may resubmit their dissertation once more in the following academic year.

Amend the Schedule of Modules as follows:

1. Foundations of Digital Health
2. Harnessing Big Data for Clinical Decision Support
3. AI for Efficient Healthcare Systems
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

Amendment to this clause has been made as a result of an alteration of the dissertation deadline from 2025-26 onwards.

The above changes also include minor updates to clause 1.1. and the Schedule of Modules.

[your ref # - optional]

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved on behalf of the chair of Medical Sciences Divisional Board, September 2025

Title of Programme:

Research Degrees in Biochemistry: Joint Doctoral Programme with the Scripps Research Institute

Brief note about nature of change: Update of references to General Regulations to reflect reorganisation of Regulations.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* [2024-25, Biochemistry: Joint Doctoral Programme with the Scripps Research Institute](#)

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2025 and all on-course students at this point.

Detail of change

Amend citation references. 1.57-159 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

8. Suspension of Graduate Students from the Register

^{1.57}The provisions of ~~the General Regulations of the Education Committee Governing Research Degrees §5.1,~~ [Part 5 of the General Regulations Governing Research Degrees](#) apply; action proposed under these provisions will be the subject of consultation between the two institutions through the Joint Programme Committee.

9. Removal of Graduate Students from the Register

^{1.58} The provisions of ~~the General Regulations of the Education Committee Governing Research Degrees §5.1,~~ Part 5 of the General Regulations Governing Research Degrees apply; action proposed under these provisions will be the subject of consultation between the two institutions through the Joint Programme Committee.

10. Reinstatement of Graduate Students to the Register

^{1.59} The provisions of ~~the General Regulations of the Education Committee Governing Research Degrees §5.1,~~ Part 5 of the General Regulations Governing Research Degrees apply; action proposed under these provisions will be the subject of consultation between the two institutions through the Joint Programme Committee.

Amend citation reference. 1.69 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

^{1.69} (d) The candidate shall also submit, to the University of Oxford, for examination, at such time and in such format as provided ~~by the General Regulations Governing Research Degrees,~~ in Part 7 of the General Regulations Governing Research Degrees and by the Special Regulations of the Board as set out in this section:

^{1.70} (i) two printed or typewritten copies of a thesis;

^{1.71} (ii) two printed or typewritten copies of an abstract of the thesis, which shall not normally exceed 300 words.

Amend citation reference. 1.80 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

^{1.80} The provisions of clauses 1 and 2 of ~~the General Regulations of the Education Committee Governing Research Degrees §6. cl. 1, and 2,~~ Part 7 of the General Regulations Governing Research Degrees apply.

Explanatory Notes

The corresponding General Regulations were reorganised in 2024-25 to improve ease of reference.

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved on behalf of Education Committee on 14th August 2025

Master of Science by Coursework in Genomic Medicine

Brief note about nature of change: Change of one module title.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2025-26* [2025-26 Master of Science by Coursework in Genomic Medicine](#)

Effective date

For students starting from MT25 and for first examination from 2025-26

Detail of change

Amend the Schedule as indicated below

Schedule

For the elective module, Bioinformatics: algorithms, analysis and workflows, the module title change provides a closer alignment between the title, the content, the application and the assessment of this module.

Medical Sciences Divisional Board**New regulations approved on behalf of Education Committee on 4th July 2025****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

MSc Health Service Improvement and Evaluation

Brief note about nature of change: New course**Location of change**[Exam Regulations - Search \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

New course regulations to be published.

Effective date**For students starting from MT25, and for first examination from 2025-26****Detail of change****Master of Science by Coursework in Health Service Improvement and Evaluation**

1. The Divisional Board of Medical Sciences will appoint for the supervision of the course an Organising Committee. The Organising Committee will oversee teaching provision and will nominate Examiners for the Examination Board.
2. The Organising Committee will appoint for each candidate an academic adviser.
3. Each candidate must follow a course of study in Health Service Improvement and Evaluation for at least three terms and for a substantial part of the three subsequent vacations, as determined by the course timetable.
4. Candidates will be examined in all of the following ways, and will be required to pass all of these assessments:

(i) Portfolio 1:

Submission of a written assignment relating to Modules 1, 2 and 6 in the Schedule below;

Submission of a written assignment relating to Modules 2, 3 and 6 in the Schedule below.

(ii) Portfolio 2:

Submission of a written and an oral presentation relating to Modules 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the Schedule below;

Submission of a written assignment relating to Modules 4, 5 and 6 in the Schedule below;

Submission of a written assignment relating to Modules 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the Schedule below;

Submission of a written assignment relating to Module 6 in the Schedule below.

(iii) Dissertation

A dissertation of not more than 10,000 words (excluding references, tables, figures, bibliography and appendices) on the research topic as set out in the Schedule below to be submitted by 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday in August of the same academic year. The subject of the dissertation must have been approved by the Organising Committee.

5. The arrangements for approval of written work for submission will be notified to candidates not later than the start of the Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken.
6. Candidates will submit their written submissions, including slides to accompany oral assessments, online via the authorised online submission site, by dates published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration of the candidate's authorship.
7. Candidates who fail any assessment shall be permitted to re-take it on one further occasion only.
8. Candidates who fail an assessment on the second attempt will be deemed to have failed the MSc overall.

Exit Awards

9. 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 the dissertation) may be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma.
10. 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 start or do not complete the dissertation, or fail a dissertation resit, may end their registration and at that point be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma.

Schedule:

1. Module 1: Health systems and HSIE foundations
2. Module 2: The methods toolbox - gathering and assessing evidence
3. Module 3: Investigating context: safety, quality and health system performance
4. Module 4: Designing interventions and planning implementation
5. Module 5: Programme implementation and evaluation
6. Module 6: Core skills in health systems research and practice

Dissertation:

Students will produce a dissertation based on a research topic of their choosing. A research supervisor/ supervisors will be assigned to each student in addition to their academic adviser. The subject of each student's dissertation and the supervision arrangements for each student must be approved by the Organising Committee.

Explanatory Notes

The above regulations are for the MSc Health Service Improvement and Evaluation course which admitted its first cohort in the 2025/26 academic year.

[your ref # - optional]

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved on behalf of the chair of Medical Sciences Divisional Board, September 2025

Title of Programme:

Medical Sciences Doctoral Training Centre

Brief note about nature of change: Update of references to General Regulations to reflect reorganisation of Regulations.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* [2024-25, Medical Sciences Doctoral Training Centre](#)

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2025 and all on-course students at this point.

Detail of change

Amend citation reference. 1.17 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

^{1.17}The provisions of the following regulations shall apply, except as specifically provided below: ~~General Regulations Governing Research Degrees~~ General Regulations Governing Research Degrees; ~~Regulations for the Degree of Master of Science by Research,~~ General Regulations for the Degree of Master of Science by Research; ~~Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (§1-7)~~ General Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Parts 1 through 7); and the Special Regulations of Divisional and Faculty Boards concerning the status of Probationer Research Student and the degrees of M.Litt., M.Sc. by Research, and D.Phil.

Explanatory Notes

The corresponding General Regulations were reorganised in 2024-25 to improve ease of reference.

[your ref # - optional]

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved on behalf of the chair of Medical Sciences Divisional Board, September 2025

Title of Programme:

Doctor of Medicine (for students commencing study from October 2023)

Brief note about nature of change: Update of references to General Regulations to reflect reorganisation of Regulations.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* [2024-25, Doctor of Medicine \(for students commencing study from October 2023\)](#)

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2025 and all on-course students at this point.

Detail of change

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

^{1.6} 5. The provisions of the ~~General Regulations Governing Research Degrees (§3, §5, §6 and §7)~~ General Regulations Governing Research Degrees (Parts 3, 5, 6, and 7) regarding the supervision of Probationer Research Students, suspension and removal of graduate students from the Register of Students, reinstatement to the Register of Students, students with disabilities and appeals, and the examination of Graduate Research Students, shall apply, provided that, in all cases, 'Doctor of Medicine' shall be substituted for 'Doctor of Philosophy'.

Amend citation reference. 1.7 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

^{1.7} 6. The provisions of ~~the General Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of~~

~~Philosophy (§5)~~ Part 5 of the General Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy regarding the supervision of Students for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy shall apply, provided that, in all cases, ‘Doctor of Medicine’ shall be substituted for ‘Doctor of Philosophy’.

Amend citation reference. 1.49 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

^{1.49} (iii) the Board shall in accordance with the provisions set down in ~~the General Regulations Governing Research Degrees §5,~~ Part 5 of the General Regulations Governing Research Degrees and after consultation with the student’s college and supervisor, have deprived the student of such status;

Amend citation reference. 1.86 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

^{1.86} 4. The provisions of clauses 4-13 of ~~the General Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (§7, clauses 4-13)~~ Part 7 of the General Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy regarding the examination of Students for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy shall apply, provided that, in all cases, ‘Doctor of Medicine’ shall be substituted for ‘Doctor of Philosophy’. In addition to the criteria enumerated in clause 6 of ~~§7, cl. 6~~ Part 7 of the General Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, examiners for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine must also include in their report a statement that: [...]

Explanatory Notes

The corresponding General Regulations were reorganised in 2024-25 to improve ease of reference.

Medical Sciences Divisional Board**Approved on behalf of Education Committee on 2nd December 2024****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Regulations for Degrees in Medicine and Surgery

Brief note about nature of change: Changes to time on course due to Medical Licensing Assessment (MLA) and GMC requirements.**Location of change**In *Examination Regulations 2023-24* [[2023-24, Regulations for Degrees in Medicine and Surgery](#)]**Effective date**

These changes are for students who started the Second BM from 2023-24.

Detail of change**Insert new text and delete existing text as indicated and renumber the list as follows:****Regulations relating to time on course**

1. Medical students may be granted permission by their College to suspend study for up to one year (three terms). Exceptionally, permission may be granted for further periods of suspension. In such cases, consultation with the relevant Director of Studies within the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences would be expected.

2. Medical students may be granted permission by their College to repeat a period of study (typically after returning from a period of suspension). In such cases, consultation with the relevant Director of Studies within the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences would be expected.

3. Parts of the assessment in Year 5/Graduate-entry Year 3 and Year 6/Graduate-entry Year 4, as specified in the special regulations for the Second Examination for the Degree

of Bachelor of Medicine, comprise the Medical Licensing Assessment (MLA) which is required by the General Medical Council (GMC) as part of its accreditation requirements. The MLA tests the core knowledge, skills and behaviours of doctors new to medical practice in the UK and must be completed within 49 months. The start point for calculating the 49 month completion period is 1 June of the year a student is due to take the Year 5 / Graduate-entry Year 3 integrated summative clinical examination (OSCE).

~~3.~~ 4. Students may apply to take time away from the course between their Pre-clinical and Clinical Studies or during their Clinical Studies in order to pursue a postgraduate qualification or other activity. In the case of a student pursuing a doctorate, the student will not usually be allowed to return to the course if more than four years have elapsed since leaving the course. In the case of a student pursuing a Master's degree, the student will not usually be allowed to return to the course if more than two years have elapsed since leaving the course. In all other cases, the student will not usually be allowed to return to the course if more than two years have elapsed since leaving the course.

~~4.~~ 5. The length of time taken to complete the standard 6-year medical course should normally be no longer than ~~eight~~ ten years, including any periods of suspension, ~~or repeated study or postgraduate study (under clause 4).~~ Where a student has been granted permission to take time away from the course in order to pursue a postgraduate qualification under clause 3 above, this does not count towards the eight-year allowance.

~~5.~~ 6. The length of time taken to complete the accelerated 4-year (Graduate-entry) medical course should normally be no longer than ~~six~~ eight years, including any periods of suspension, ~~or repeated study or postgraduate study (under clause 4).~~ Where a student has been granted permission to take time away from the course in order to pursue a postgraduate qualification under clause 3 above, this does not count towards the six-year allowance.

Explanatory Notes

The above changes to regulations will support the framework that the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences will adopt to ensure it can meet GMC requirements and expectations with regards to the MLA which the GMC recently introduced. The changes also consider the transitional arrangements guidance that the GMC has now published.

The School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences have introduced a 49-month timeframe to be used for assessing whether a student has met the GMC requirements relating to the MLA. This timeframe has been approved on based on existing provisions within university regulations for breaks in studies, CMA guidance, guidance from the GMC and evidence from the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges.

Consequently, changes to time on course have been amended and clarified in light of these updated requirements.

Medical Sciences Divisional Board**Approved on behalf of Education Committee on 21st August 2025****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Science by Coursework in Modelling for Global Health

Brief note about nature of change:

Minor wording amendments and introduction of a new core module 'Data Science'

Location of changeIn *Examination Regulations*: [2024-25, Master of Science by Coursework in Modelling for Global Health](#)**Effective date****For students starting from MT 2025 and for first examination from 2025-26****Detail of change**Amend **citations 1.1 to 1.3** as follows:

1. The Medical Sciences Divisional Board will appoint an Organising Committee for the supervision of the course. The Organising Committee will meet with the course's Academic Team once a term to discuss all pertinent matters relating to the schedule, student support and examinations. ~~arrange lectures and other teaching.~~
2. The ~~Organising Committee~~ Academic Team will appoint an academic adviser for each candidate.
3. Each candidate will follow a course of study in Modelling for Global Health for at least three terms ~~and for a substantial part of the three subsequent vacations,~~ as determined by the course timetable.

Amend **citations 1.5 to 1.9** as follows:

5. Candidates must complete a research placement as set out in the Schedule.

~~5.6.~~ Candidates must complete the following assessments:

- i. For each of three elective modules selected by the candidate: a computer program, piece of mathematical analysis, or app, accompanied by a written report of 1,500 to 2,000 words. ~~An open-ended question will be set for each elective module, specific to the subject and skill(s) to be tested, as set out in the Schedule.~~
- ii. A dissertation, in the form of a draft journal paper of up to 4,000 words on the research project as set out in the Schedule below, plus supplementary files (up to 2,000 words, excluding code files). This ~~should~~ can be accompanied by an explanatory narrative document (500 words) describing the candidate's considerations in selecting a target journal, how they worked individually or as part of their placement teams to make the selection and how they prepared their manuscript for submission according to the criteria for the journal in question. The research project and the subject of the dissertation must have been approved by the ~~Organising Committee~~ course Academic Team.

~~6. Candidates must complete a research placement as set out in the Schedule.~~

7. Candidates will submit their three elective assignments and dissertations online via the University approved online submission system, by dates to be specified ~~the Organising Committee and published in the course handbook. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration of the candidate's authorship.~~

Revise the schedule for Core Modules (citation 1.11 to 1.18):

A. Core Modules

I. ~~Introduction to R for Modellers~~ Foundations in Global Health

II. Mathematics for Modellers

III. ~~Medical Statistics~~ Introduction to R for Modellers

IV. ~~Foundations in Global Health~~ Medical Statistics

V. Data Science

~~VI.~~ VI. Research Skills and Professional Practice

~~VII.~~ VII. Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases

~~VIII.~~ VIII. Introduction to Health Economics

~~IX.~~ IX. Model Communication

Explanatory Notes

The amendments in citations from 1.1 to 1.9 are made to clarify arrangements for students.

The amendment of citations 1.11 to 1.18 reflect an introduction of a new core module 'Data Science', which will equip students with all necessary foundational skills to perform

essential data parsing, clustering, synthetising and related tasks prior to their mathematical modelling analysis.

The schedule of the core modules has been revised to accommodate this change and ensure a better flow for core modules.

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

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of sleep medicine course team 14.01.25

Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in Sleep Medicine

Brief note about nature of change:

minor revision to text.

Effective date

For all students on course from MT 2025 and for first examination from 2025-26

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2024/25*

Detail of change

^{1.11}(iv) submission of a dissertation of not more than 10,000 words, 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 published ~~in the course handbook~~ on the course virtual learning environment no later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the first year of the course;

Explanatory Notes