

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.