Title of Programme
Master of Science by Coursework in Computer Science

Brief note about nature of change: Course rename and major amendments to assessment

Location of change
Examination Regulations 2020
https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosbcincompscie

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2021

Detail of change
1. Rename the course from Master of Science by Coursework in Computer Science to Master of Science by Coursework in Advanced Computer Science
2. Amend the regulation text as follows, new text underlined, deleted text struck-through:
   3. The examination shall be in three parts, as follows:

   The list of courses will be published on the website of the Department of Computer Science, by the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term. chosen from a list of topics approved by the Organising Committee by the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination. The mode of assessment shall be either written assignment or written examination, as detailed in the Course Handbook.

   and on the website www.cs.ox.ac.uk/teaching/MSCinCS/. The list of
courses shall be divided into three sections: Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C, as detailed on the website www.cs.ox.ac.uk/teaching/MSCinCS/.

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

(iii) There shall be an examination viva voce, unless the candidate shall have been individually dispensed by the examiners, on the dissertation and on any of the topics for which the candidate has submitted a written assignment or written examination, to take place in week minus 1 of Michaelmas Term of the following academic year. The exact date will be given in the Course Handbook.

4. Every candidate must submit to the director of the course no later than the first Monday in Trinity Full Term in the year of the examination the title and a brief statement of the form and scope of his or her dissertation, together with an essay of not more than 3,000 words, describing the background of the project, its objectives and its plan of work. The submission must be approved by the person who has agreed to act as supervisor during the preparation of the dissertation. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate in their dissertation an understanding of the topics studied in the course.

5. An electronic copy of the dissertation and, where applicable, associated source code, must be submitted as specified in the Course Handbook, uploaded to the Assignments section of the Computer Science WebLearn site by not later than the date given in the Course Handbook.

One copy of the thesis of each successful candidate will normally be presented to the Department of Computer Science.

6. By a date in each term to be specified in the Course Handbook, each candidate in consultation with their supervisor must submit for approval by the director of the course a list of topics which will be taken in that term. The choice must exclude No candidate is permitted to choose any topics which substantially overlap the candidate's undergraduate degree or other recent academic study. Candidates are allowed to take examinations in a maximum of four courses per term.

7. For each topic, the lecturer on the course of instruction shall prescribe a schedule of practical work, tutorial exercises and a written assignment or written examination, and shall make available to the Chair of Examiners evidence showing the extent to which each candidate has pursued an adequate course of practical and class work.

8. The completed assignment should be submitted as follows:

Where a topic requires electronic submission candidates must upload an electronic copy of the completed assignment for each topic and, where applicable, associated source code, to the Assignments section of the Computer Science WebLearn site not later than noon on the date given in the Course Handbook.

Where a topic requires hard copy submission the completed assignment for each topic must be delivered not later than noon on the date given in the Course Handbook.
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1.16 The exact method of submission for each assignment will be specified in the Course Handbook.

By noon not later than noon on the date given in the Course Handbook, practicals for all topics must be submitted as described in the Course Handbook.

1.18 Examinations for topics to be assessed by written examination will take place in Week 0 of the following term.

9. No candidate shall attend classes or receive any form of individual tuition in the subject of an assignment between the time when the assignment is made available to the candidate and the time fixed for the delivery of the assignment to the examiners.

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

11. To satisfy the examiners for the degree of MSc in Computer Science, each candidate must attain an average of at least 50 (pass) on a selection of their best six courses, including at most two courses from Schedule A and at least two four courses from Schedule CB, pass in the dissertation, pursue an adequate course of practical work and achieve an overall pass in practicals, and unless dispensed under cl.3 (iii) above satisfy the examiners in the viva voce examination.

12. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

13. If a candidate receives a failing mark for any of the summative assessments, they may retake the assessment (or equivalent) in the year following the initial attempt as set out in the Examination Conventions.

Explanatory Notes

These changes implement the change agreed and approved in Trinity term 2020 by Education Committee for renaming the MSc Computer Science, to MSc in Advanced Computer Science and a reorganisation of the course to reflect the advanced computer science content.