

Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of the Quality Assurance Committee on 3 July 2023

Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in Medical Education (Part-time)

Brief note about nature of change:

Increasing resit deadline flexibility.

Effective date

For students starting from Michaelmas 2023

For first examination from 2023/24

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23, Master of Science by Coursework in Medical Education (Part-time)* (ox.ac.uk)

Details of Change:

Amend citations and renumber as follows:

^{1.1}1. The Course shall be under the supervision of the Academic Committee of the Department of Education.

^{1.2}2. Candidates must follow a course of instruction for six terms specializing in Medical Education. This course is available on a part-time basis only.

^{1.3}3. Candidates are required to submit two written assignments of no more than 5,000 words each. For a module where it would be appropriate, if an assignment involves substantial statistical analysis, the word count may be reduced to no more than 2,500 words. The details of the assessment requirements for each paper will be **provided set out** in the Course Handbook. ~~Assignments must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform. Assignment 1 must be uploaded by noon on Tuesday of week 6 of Hilary term of the first year and assignment 2 by noon on Tuesday of week 9 of Trinity term of the first year.~~

^{1.44.} Candidates are required to submit a dissertation of 15,000 – 20,000 words. ~~The subject and title selected by the candidate in consultation with their supervisor must be approved by the Course Director at a time set out in the Course Handbook.~~ **The dissertation must be submitted no later than noon on the third Thursday in September in the final year of the course.**

^{1.55.} ~~The dissertation must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform not later than noon on the third Thursday in September in the final year of the course.~~ **All 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.**

^{1.66.} If a candidate receives a failing mark for either of the assignments, they may resubmit the assessment on one further occasion within ~~four~~ **eight** weeks of publication of the fail, on a date ~~to be specified by the Chair of Examiners~~ **as agreed with the Course Director**. If a candidate fails the dissertation, they may resubmit the dissertation one further time on the next occasion when this is examined, **or at an earlier date as agreed with the Course Director**.

^{1.77.} Candidates may also be required to attend an oral examination. The oral examination will normally be on the candidate's dissertation.

Schedule

^{1.8}Programme of study:

1. ^{1.9}Patients/Learners/Teachers
2. ^{1.10}Curriculum and pedagogy
3. ^{1.11}Assessment issues and practices
4. ^{1.12}Educational theory and philosophy
5. ^{1.13}Work-based learning and skill development
6. ^{1.14}Educational research methods

Explanatory Notes

The change is to introduce the option of an earlier submission for the dissertation to allow students flexibility. Students are currently required to resubmit their work on the next occasion when it is examined, which leads to a lengthy wait for those students who can complete their resubmission early. The addition of the words “or at an earlier date as agreed with the Course Director” provides that degree of flexibility for the students, but also ensures that the Course Director will be able to review the request and prevent early resubmission if it is deemed inappropriate.