Medical Sciences Divisional Board

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Master of Science by Coursework in Modelling for Global Health

Brief note about nature of change:

Minor amendment on the format requirements of assessment

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023:*

2023-24, Master of Science by Coursework in Modelling for Global Health (ox.ac.uk)

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2024

[And]

For first examination from 2024/25

Detail of change (new text underlined, deleted text struck through)

Amend **citations 1.6-1.7** as follows:

i. For each of three elective modules selected by the candidate: a computer program, piece of mathematical analysis, or app ~~(each of which is the equivalent of 1,000 words),~~ accompanied by a written report of 1,500 to 2,000 words ~~(excluding bibliography, references, tables and figures), in an R compatible format~~. 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~~, of 3,500~~ to 4,000 words ~~(excluding references, tables, figures, bibliography and appendices)~~ on the research project as set out in the Schedule below, plus supplementary files (up to ~~equivalent of~~ 2,000 ~~to 2,500~~ words, excluding code files)~~, in R compatible format~~. This should 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.

Explanatory Notes

As a considerable amount of students end up not using R and considering we teach them other programming languages during elective modules, it would be inconsistent to require that all work be done in R, Thus, this restriction was removed.

Besides, this was revised to be written slightly differently to accommodate large code files as we found that students have a very difficult time abiding by what is in the regs before. Also, this is a lot clearer for them as written here.