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Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by MSD divisional officer in June 2023

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Science by Coursework in Musculoskeletal Sciences

Brief note about nature of change:

Rewording to improve clarity on the criteria for the Postgraduate Diploma award and include only the high level of detail in the regulations

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022-2023*:

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mossbcinmuscsce&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2020&term=1>

Effective date

For students on course from MT2022 and

For first examination from 2023-24

Detail of change

- Amend citation 1.7 as follows:

(a) Each candidate shall submit a literature review of no more than 4,000 words on a topic selected by the candidate and approved by the Organising Committee. The review must be submitted in June on a date to be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken in year one of the programme.

- Amend citation 1.8 as follows:

(b) Each candidate must pass an examination in September on a date to be specified by the Organising Committee which will be published in the student course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term ~~of the academic year in which the examination is taken~~ in year one of the programme. The examination will comprise two elements: the first of these will consist of a ~~one-hour~~ computer-based assessment comprising multiple-choice questions; the second of these will constitute a ~~two-hour~~ written paper.

- Amend citation 1.10 as follows:

(a) Each candidate will be assessed on their presentation skills by means of a public oral presentation on his or her research topic. The presentation must take place in March on a date to be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term ~~of the academic year in which the examination is taken~~ in year two of the programme.

- Amend citation 1.11 as follows:

(b) Each candidate must submit a written summative research proposal of no more than 10,000 words on a topic selected by the candidate and approved by the Organising Committee. The proposal must be submitted in June on a date to be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term ~~of the academic year in which the examination is taken~~ in year two of the programme.

- Amend citation 1.12 as follows:

(c) Each candidate must pass an examination in September on the date to be specified by the Organising Committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term ~~of the academic year in which the examination is taken~~ in year two of the programme. The examination will comprise two elements: the first of these will consist of a ~~one-hour~~ computer-based assessment comprising multiple-choice questions; the second of these will constitute a ~~two-hour~~ written paper.

- Amend citation 1.16 as follows:

9. The required written submissions must be uploaded to the virtual learning environment specified by the organising committee and published in the course handbook not later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken. ~~Submissions must be accompanied by an electronic declaration of authorship and originality.~~ The assignments will be checked for plagiarism with a software programme called Turnitin.

- Amend citation 1.17 as follows:

~~10. The examiners may award a Postgraduate Diploma to candidates who have satisfied the requirements for all assessments with the exception of the written~~

~~research proposal and who do not wish to continue their studies, or who fail to meet the required standard for the written research proposal.~~

10. Candidates who have failed the requirements of the MSc but have satisfied the requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma (all the requirements for the MSc, except completion of the written summative research proposal and the research proposal presentation) may be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma.

11. Candidates who have satisfied the requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma (all the requirements for the MSc, except completion of the written summative research proposal and the research proposal presentation) and who do not wish to continue their studies, may end their registration and at that point be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma.

Explanatory Notes

The new wording will improve clarity on the criteria for the Postgraduate Diploma award and include only the high level of detail in the regulations.