

**MPLS Divisional Board**

**Approved at the meeting of Supervisory Committee Michaelmas Term 2022.  
Divisional approval Trinity Term 2023.**

**Title of Programme:** MSci Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing

**Brief note about nature of change:** Removal of one special topic assessment

**Location of change** In *Examination Regulations 2022/23*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosbcimmandsciecomp>

**Effective date**

For students starting from MT 2023, for first examination from 2023-24.

**Detail of change**

Amend citation reference 1.8-1.9 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

- <sup>1.4</sup>4. Candidates will complete and be assessed on all the following parts:
    - <sup>1.5</sup>(i) Four written examinations on core course material in mathematical methods and numerical analysis. These examinations will be organised within the department [1 unit each];
    - <sup>1.6</sup>(ii) Two Special Topics chosen from a list that will be published each year. One special topic should be labelled 'Modelling' and one should be labelled 'Scientific Computing'. These Special Topics will be assessed by a written project [1 unit each];
    - <sup>1.7</sup>(iii) Case Studies in Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing. Students will submit a project on each of these courses for assessment [1 unit each];
    - ~~<sup>1.8</sup>(iv) One further Special Topic or one further Case Study in either Mathematical Modelling or Scientific Computing [1 unit];~~
    - <sup>1.9</sup>(viv) A dissertation on a topic approved by the examiners. The dissertation need not necessarily contain original research to pass. [4 units].
- <sup>1.10</sup>The detailed requirements will be set out each year on the course website.

**Explanatory Notes**

This change is being made to address student concerns regarding the assessment workload. Students have suggested that the removal of one special topic will allow them to focus solely on their dissertations during the latter half of Trinity Term and the long

vacation. The dissertation supervisors also welcome this as they've noticed a lack of work by students on the dissertation near to the final special topic deadline.