

MPLS Education Committee

Approved at the meeting of the Examinations Sub-Committee meeting on 13 September 2022, and ratified by the Biology Teaching Committee on 25 October 2022. MPLS Chair's action Long Vacation 2023.

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Preliminary Examination in Biology

Brief note about nature of change: amendment to assessment for research skills

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=pexaminbiol&srchYear=2022&srchTerm=1&year=2022&term=1>

Effective date

For students starting from MT2023

For first examination from 2023-24

Detail of change

Amend citation reference. 1.12 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

3. All candidates will be required to complete a course of research skills training, including laboratory exercises, field work, and quantitative analysis. This requirement includes submission of a set of ~~four~~ three compulsory practical write-ups handed in during the first year. Marks awarded for write-ups contribute to the total mark awarded for Paper 3.

Explanatory Notes

This is to reduce the number of compulsory practical write-ups handed in during the first year to lessen the workload burden on students and to evenly spread the write-ups required through the academic year. The students will receive the same course of research skills training, laboratory exercises, field work and quantitative analysis.