

## MPLS Divisional Board

**Approved at the meeting of:**

**MPLS Divisional approval Trinity Term 2022.**

### Preliminary Examination in Materials Science

#### Brief note about nature of change:

1. Removal of reference to specific websites;
2. Updating of arrangements for submission of coursework, including removing deadlines for this submission and instead referring students to the Course Handbook.
3. Updated guidance on the use of calculators.

#### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=peinmatescie&srchYear=2021&srchTerm=1&year=2021&term=1>

#### Effective date

For students starting Prelims in MT 2022

For first examination in 2022-23.

#### Detail of change

<sup>1.3</sup>In the following, 'the Course Handbook' refers to the Materials Science 'Prelims Course Handbook', published annually at the start of Michaelmas Term by the Faculty of Materials, and also posted on the website at: [www.materials.ox.ac.uk/teaching/ug/ughandbooks](http://www.materials.ox.ac.uk/teaching/ug/ughandbooks) of the Department of Materials.

- <sup>1.11</sup>2. In the assessment of the Materials coursework, the Moderators shall take into consideration the requirement for a candidate to complete the coursework to a satisfactory level as defined from time to time by the Faculty of Materials and published in the Course Handbook. Materials Science Coursework shall

comprise practical work, work carried out in crystallography classes and project work for Computing in Materials Science (CMS), as described in the Course Handbook, and it shall be assessed under the following provisions:

- <sup>1.12</sup>(a) All elements of coursework must be submitted to the University approved online assessment platform, accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work. Candidates will be required to upload the two summatively assessed Materials Practical Class reports and their Practical Class Notebook(s) using the University approved online assessment platform, not later than 10 a.m. on Friday of the sixth week of Trinity Full Term.
- ~~<sup>1.13</sup>(b) The Chair of Faculty, or deputy, shall make available to the Moderators, not later than the end of the first week of Trinity Full Term, evidence showing the extent to which each candidate has completed the Crystallography coursework normally pursued during the first two terms preceding the examination.~~
- ~~<sup>1.14</sup>(c) Candidates will be required to upload the CMS project using the University approved online assessment platform not later than 12 noon on Tuesday of the fifth week of Hilary Full Term. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work.~~
- <sup>1.15</sup>(d) Failure of the coursework normally will constitute failure of the Preliminary Examination. Materials Coursework normally cannot be retaken. Exceptionally a candidate who has failed the coursework may be permitted jointly by the Moderators and the candidate's college to retake the entire academic year.
- <sup>1.20</sup>7. The use of calculators in the papers listed in clause 1 is restricted to those models published annually in the Course Handbook. Calculators are not normally permitted for the Mathematics for Materials Science paper.
- <sup>1.21</sup>8. The examination conventions for the written papers and the coursework listed in clause 1 shall be published annually in the Course Handbook and posted online at the following website: **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** on the website of the Department of Materials.

### Explanatory Notes

These changes are a result of a departmental review of exam regulations and are made in order to accurately reflect existing practice.