

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Assessment changes approved by MSD Educational Policy and Standards Committee on 7 March 2025.

Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in Sleep Medicine

Brief note about nature of change:

Amendment to assessment for modules 3 and 7; Amendment to exam requirements for candidates undertaking modules for credit; Clarification of platform used for publishing exam requirements/deadlines to students.

Effective date

For all students on course from MT 2025 and for first examination from 2025-26

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2025/26

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

Detail of change

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

(iii) completion of the assessment for modules (i) to (viii) specified in the *Schedule*. For modules ~~(i), (iii), (v) and (vii)~~ (i) and (v), submission of one essay per module of not more than 4,000 words. For module (ii), completion of an online examination. For modules (iii) and (vii), submission of one essay per module of not more than 2,500 words and an online viva voce. For module (iv), submission of an oral presentation and an online *viva voce*. For module

(vi), completion of a live online case-study-based *viva voce* examination. For module (viii), submission of a poster presentation and an online *viva voce*.

2. Amend citation reference 1.13 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

7. Candidates who are not registered for an award but are undertaking any module from the Schedule for credit (see clause 18) should normally complete the same assessments for each module as those required for students on the MSc course (see clause 6). ~~an essay of not more than 4,000 words each for each module completed.~~ Information on assessment requirements and submission deadlines is provided ~~in the course handbook~~ on the course virtual learning environment.

3. Amend citation reference 1.15 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

9. Submitted assessments shall be submitted, in electronic format via the University approved assessment platform. The format of each submission and the deadlines for submission shall be published ~~in the course handbook~~ on the course virtual learning environment no later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the first year of the course.

4. Amend citation reference 1.16 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

10. Dissertations shall be submitted in electronic format via the University approved assessment platform by dates published ~~in the course handbook~~ on the course virtual learning environment no later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the first year of the course.

Explanatory Notes

1. The assessments for Modules 3 and 7 have been modified to add a *viva voce* component which adds authenticity to this assessment format, aligns with the course learning outcomes and adds resilience to this assessment format in an AI-enabled world.
2. To promote inclusive assessment practices, the full diversified assessment profile of the course is being offered to candidates taking Modules for credit. This replaces the single extended essay format previously offered to candidates taking Modules for credit.

3. Editorial changes have been made to clarify the platform by which candidates access information regarding exam deadlines and exam requirements.