

Assessment & Award Regulations

1. Course:	The Master of Research (MRes)
2. Year:	Years 1 and 2
3. Applicable to Academic Year:	For students commencing in 2017
4. Aspects of course covered by Examination:	<p>In course assessment, consisting of a statistics exam, poster abstract/presentation and a reflective essay.</p> <p>Dissertation of between 10,000 and 15,000 words.</p> <p>Oral examination (minimum of 45 minutes and normally not exceeding 90 minutes).</p>

5. Assessment:

Course requirements to be completed before submission of the dissertation and oral examination:

Project abstract and short oral presentation as part of the interim progress review.

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7. Allocation of marks and any additional requirements:

In course assessment (10%), Dissertation (70%); Oral (20%). The in-course assessment comprises: statistics examination (5%), poster abstract/presentation (3%) and reflective essay (2%).

8. Requirements to Pass the MRes:

A mark of 50% or more for the combined elements (in-course assessment, dissertation and oral examination).

9. Consequence of Failure:

A candidate who fails the statistics examination will be required to resit at the earliest available opportunity (mark will be capped at 50%). Subsequent failure at the re-sit examination will require the student to meet with the College statistician to discuss the reasons for their poor performance and to identify ways of improving their understanding of statistical methods, which may require referral to the Student Support and Progress Committee and/or Advice Centre, if additional support (e.g. numeracy) is considered necessary. In addition, examiners will be informed of this result prior to the oral examination and asked to question the candidate's understanding of the data analysis presented in the dissertation.

A candidate who fails overall at the first attempt shall have a right to resubmit the dissertation and to re-sit the oral examination. In terms of in-course assessment, the candidate can elect to carry forward their mark, but will be given the opportunity to resit the statistics exam (unless this was resat previously), reflective essay and/or poster abstract/presentation. A candidate who fails at the second attempt will be required to relinquish the course; s/he will have a right of appeal as described in College Regulations.

10. Classification and Awards:

75% or more at the first attempt	Distinction
65-74% at the first attempt	Merit
50-64%	Pass

A maximum mark of 50% will be awarded for a second attempt.

12. Late Submission of work:

Submission of the dissertation after the due deadline without good reason (the end of the eleventh month of study pro-rated for part-time students).

Dissertations submitted after the due deadline will be subject to the late submission policy set out in the College's General Assessment Regulations which can be found in the Examiners and Assessment section at the following:

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