UNIVERSITY OF
Southampton

University Calendar 2018/19

Academic Regulations: Faculty of Medicine

School	Medicine
Final Award	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) (with intermediate award of MRes) *With exit awards of:* Master of Research (MRes) Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
Programme(s)	Integrated PhD in Biomedical Science
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The Academic Regulations which are detailed in
Section V: Regulations for Research Degrees and Higher Doctorates, and
Section IV: General Information and Regulations of the University Calendar, apply to and regulate the programme(s) listed above.

On occasion, programmes can be exempted from one or more of the clauses in the Regulations; one or more of the clauses can be varied; and programmes can impose additional requirements.

- Exemptions are characterised by the omission of the relevant clause.
- Variations are characterised by the replacement of the clause with alternative wording.
- Additions are characterised by requirements in addition to those detailed in the Academic regulations.

The programmes listed have approval from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee for the **exemptions** and/or **variations** and/or **additions** to the regulations noted below.

Exemptions:
The clause(s) listed below describe where an exemption to the Regulations exists:

The Integrated PhD in Biomedical Science is exempt from clause 5.1 under section 5. (Repeat) of the *Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Postgraduate Master's Programmes.*

Variations:
The clause(s) listed below describe where a variation to the Regulations exists:

Existing University regulation *Regulations for Research Degrees*					Approved Variation				
18.	The duration of research degree programmes is set out in the following table:				The duration of research degree programmes is set out in the following table:				

Programme	Minimum length of candidature		Maximum length of candidature		Programme	Minimum length of candidature		Maximum length of candidature	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time		Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
PhD – Integrated route	48 months	72 months	60 months	96 months	PhD – Integrated route	48 months	--	48 months	--

| 17. | In the first year, research students will be required to follow a prescribed programme of units which will be taught in the University. Research students who complete these units and pass the required examinations at an appropriate standard at the end of the first year will be permitted to proceed to the second year of the programme. This may also lead to the award of MA, MSc or MRes as defined in the relevant academic regulations in Section VI-XIII of the University Calendar. Research students who fail to reach the required standard will be permitted to resit the first year units on one occasion only. In the event of failure to achieve the required standard at resit, their programme will be terminated, and such research students will be considered by the Faculty for transfer to a relevant diploma or master's level programme for the award of a Diploma or Master's Degree, as appropriate.
• In the second and third years, research students will complete prescribed units, supervised research, and skills training sessions leading to the preparation of a thesis.
• The research student's fourth year will be devoted to supervised research and preparation of a thesis. | Candidates who complete these units and pass the required examinations at an appropriate standard at the end of the first year will be permitted to proceed to the second year of the programme. This will lead to the award of Master of Research (MRes).

Candidates must normally attend at least 80% of all taught components and all laboratory rotations in the first year to be eligible for consideration for progression to year 2.

Progression to year 2 will be dependent on successful completion of year 1 and satisfactory completion of progress reviews which will be held at three time points during year 1. The candidates have to pass one of the reviews held after rotations A and B, along with a pass at rotation C. If performance in the progress reviews is unsatisfactory and if, after due warning, there is insufficient improvement, the Faculty may recommend termination of candidature to Senate at the end of year 1 independently of whether or not they are awarded an MRes.
In the second and third and fourth years candidates complete a programme of supervised research and skills training sessions leading to the preparation of a thesis. |

Existing University regulation *Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Postgraduate Master's Programmes*	Approved Variation
3.1	In order for credit to be awarded for a Module, the Module must be passed at the specified Module Pass Mark except as allowed in paragraph 3.2 below. The University standard Module Pass Mark for Postgraduate Master's students taking Modules at all levels is 50. Where a Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body requires a Pass Mark that differs from the University standard Module Pass Mark this will be stated in the Programme Regulations. The University standard Qualifying Mark for Postgraduate Master's programmes is 35, unless stated otherwise in the Programme Regulations. Where credit only is being imported from an exchange or outgoing study abroad, the Qualifying Mark is zero.	All modules are core. Module pass marks and the overall pass mark for the MRes in the first year is 50%.
4.1	A student who fails on a programme where all modules are core, may take Referral assessments in failed modules totalling not more than 30 ECTS (60 CATS).	A student who fails to progress where all modules are core may take referral assessments in all failed modules.

Existing University regulation *Code of Practice for Research Candidature and Supervision*	Approved Variation
64.	Students who enrolled on their doctoral level studies after 1 August 2016 are required to undertake three Progression Reviews during the	

course of their studies. The second Progression Review is known as Confirmation (paragraphs 70-79 below). Two attempts at each review are permitted; failure to meet the criteria for a successful progression review will lead to a termination of a student's candidature in line with the *Procedures for Circumstances that may lead to Withdrawal or Termination.*

Students who enrolled on their doctoral studies before 1 August 2016 will follow the Progression Monitoring timings and procedures as determined by their Faculty which applied at the time of their admission. Students should refer back to their Faculty for further information. Students who enrolled before 1 August 2016 will also follow the timings for upgrade/transfer from MPhil to PhD registration that applied at the time of their admission. Paragraph 64 provides a summary of these timings depending on year of entry. The policy and procedure outlined in paragraphs 71-79 'Confirmation of PhD status', will apply to students who registered prior to 1 August 2016 when completing their upgrade/transfer from MPhil to PhD registration, rather than a confirmation of PhD status.

Summary of timings of confirmation of PhD registration/Upgrade from MPhil to PhD*		
Time of Entry	Full-time	Part-time
After 1st August 2016	18 – 21 months	30 – 42 months
1st August 2015 – 1st August 2016	18 – 21 months	30 – 42 months
Before 1st August 2015	At least 6 months before final thesis sub-mission	At least 6 months before final thesis sub-mission

*These timings may be adjusted on a pro-rata basis for students registered on non-standard research programmes where other duties are a formal part of the programme; for example, the Clinical Doctorate Research Fellowship scheme or the Mayflower Scholarship scheme.

Faculties/the Accredited Institution will bring to the attention of research students, and relevant staff, clearly defined formats of assessment which inform the Progression Reviews, including the criteria to be used for defining outcomes from Progression Reviews. As a minimum, research students must submit a written report which should summarise progress made since the last report. Any particular problems encountered by the research student, (e.g. access to resources or facilities or other additional disability-related or language support requirements) should be indicated in this report and appropriate action taken. The report should also indicate whether any additional support requirements or facilities already being provided for a particular research student are continuing

to meet that research student's needs, or if any adjustments for the coming period are required.

The Review must also include a *viva*. Following a Progression Review, a student will be given written feedback by the panel and, if necessary, guidance on actions to be taken to support progress in their candidature.

Decisions following Progression Reviews will be made according to the following timings for students on a standard research programme. In all cases, the time windows refer to periods in which progression decisions must be made. Students will be required to provide all the relevant material by a submission deadline stated in PGR Tracker, or equivalent system, as set by their faculty/discipline. This will normally be at least four working weeks in advance of the decision deadline to allow the panel to consider the material, hold meeting, and make a recommendation within the specified timeframe. Timings refer to the full month i.e. the decision from the first attempt at the first Progression Review should be made between the beginning of month 8 and the end of month 10. These timings may be adjusted for students following a non-standard pathway.

	Full-time		Part-time	
	First Attempt	Second Attempt	First Attempt	Second Attempt
First Progression Review	Month 8 - 10	Before the end of month 12	Month 18 - 21	Before the end of month 24
Second Progression Review Confirmation	Month 18 - 21	Before the end of month 24	Month 30 - 42	Before the end of month 48
Third Progression Review	Month 30 - 33	Before the end of month 36	Month 61 - 66	Before the end of month 72

	Full-time			
	Student Submission	First Attempt Decision	Student Submission Second Attempt	Second Attempt Decision
Year 1 Taught Modules				
First Progression Review	By month 18	By month 20	By month 22	Before end of month 24
Second Progression Review Confirmation	By month 27	By month 30	By month 33	Before end of month 36
Third Progression Review	By month 39	By month 41	By month 43	Before end of month 45

Additional requirements:

Years 2-4 of this programme may be subject to DBS requirements, see clause 4 of the [*Procedures for Handling Applications for Students with Previous Criminal Convictions.*](#)

These regulations should be read in conjunction with the programme specification.

Disclaimer:
As a research-led University, we undertake a continuous review of our programmes to ensure quality enhancement and to manage our resources. As a result, these regulations may be revised during a student's period of registration, however, any revision will be balanced against the requirement that the student should receive the educational service expected. Please read our [*Disclaimer*](#) to see why, when and how changes may be made to a student's programme.