Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by the Professional Programmes Supervisory Committee by Chair’s action (14th October 2016)

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]
Software Engineering Programme/ Regulation, D. Eligibility for awards: study and examinations

Brief note about nature of change: to include reference to modules from the Software Engineering Programme that students may complete and have assessed prior to commencing a programme of study. These are known informally as “taster modules”.

Effective date
With students starting from Michaelmas Term 2017
For first examination from 2017-18

Location of change
http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/softengiprog/

Detail of change
Replace:

[1.52] 14. Provided the Supervisory Committee is satisfied that a candidate has undertaken equivalent study, of an appropriate standard, normally at another institution of higher education, the committee shall have the discretion to permit the candidate to be exempted from attending, and submitting the written assignment for, modules chosen from Schedule A, B, or C, as required under clause 12 above as follows:

- a. For the M.Sc.: up to two of the total of ten modules for which written assignments are required;
- b. For the award of the Postgraduate Diploma: up to two of the total of eight modules;
- c. For the award of the Postgraduate Certificate: up to one of the total of four modules.
Provided the Supervisory Committee is satisfied that a candidate has undertaken equivalent study, it shall have the discretion to permit the candidate to be exempted from attending, and submitting the written assignment for, modules chosen from Schedule A, B, or C, as required under clause 12 and 13 above as follows:

- a. For the M.Sc.: up to two of the total of ten modules for which written assignments are required;
- b. For the award of the Postgraduate Diploma: up to two of the total of eight modules;
- c. For the award of the Postgraduate Certificate: up to one of the total of four modules.

That equivalent study might consist of modules from Schedule A, B, or C completed and assessed prior to the commencement of the student's period of study; or it might take the form of courses of an appropriate standard from another institution of higher education. In either case, the equivalent study should have been completed no longer than 2 years prior to matriculation.

**Explanatory Notes**

Students frequently complete a number of “taster” modules before deciding to start a programme of study with the Software Engineering Programme. This regulation change will allow students to count taster modules as part of the required quota for their particular programme of study, at the discretion of the Programme Director and the Supervisory Committee.