

Changes to the Examination Policies for postgraduate research May 2012

Synopsis

This paper sets out revisions to the following policies:

- Examination of Doctoral Degrees Policy
- Examination of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) Degrees Policy
- Resubmission and Re-examination of Postgraduate Research Degrees Policy

All changes to the policies were approved by the Manchester Doctoral Committee (MDC) on 29th February 2012.

The policies can be found at:

<http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/researchoffice/graduate/code/submissionandexamination/>

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- **Changes to section 23.1.2 of the Examination of Doctoral Degrees Policy and Examination of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) Degrees Policy and section 7.1.2 of the Resubmission and Re-examination of Postgraduate Research Degrees Policy**

Award subject to minor corrections (recommendation A(ii))

.....“The time permitted for minor corrections to be completed by the candidate and approved by the internal examiner is **normally no more than four weeks, but exceptionally no more than twelve weeks,** from the date the candidate receives the list of corrections from the appropriate School or Faculty graduate office. The graduate office must receive written notification that the minor corrections have been approved by the internal examiner within this timeframe.”

In examinations where there is no internal examiner, the independent chair must ensure that minor corrections are approved by an external examiner or other person nominated by the School.

The examiners’ decision to recommend an A(ii) should be made on the grounds that the thesis will NOT require a further examination. The decision whether to recommend an A(ii) as opposed to a B(i) should not be determined by the candidate’s personal circumstances and whether s/he will be able to correct the thesis within the ~~required~~ four-week timeframe.

The candidate is expected to be available in the period after the oral examination to complete minor corrections as part of their responsibilities in the examination of their degree. In very exceptional circumstances, the candidate may apply to the appropriate School or Faculty graduate office for permission to submit the corrected thesis later than within the ~~required~~ four-week timeframe. Candidates who submit their corrected thesis late without prior permission may be subject to a late submission fee by the School or Faculty.

- **Changes to section 23.3 of the Examination of Doctoral Degrees Policy and section 7.2.2 of the Resubmission and Re-examination of Postgraduate Research Degrees Policy**

C(ii): reject but award the degree of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) subject to minor corrections being made to the thesis.

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