

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
LI KA SHING FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

Regulations for the Degree of Master of Surgery (MS)

M35 Definition

The degree of Master of Surgery is a research postgraduate degree, awarded for original observations that make a definite contribution to medical knowledge within the general field of surgery, presented in the form of a thesis deserving of publication. The degree of MS is equivalent in status to its counterpart in Medicine, i.e. the degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD).

M36 Admission Requirements

A candidate for registration for the degree of MS

- (a) shall comply with the General Regulations;
- (b) shall be
 - (i) a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of this University whose degrees have been conferred not less than five years before the date of application for registration;
 - or
 - (ii) the holder of equivalent qualifications from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose who is a full-time Teacher or equivalent appointee of this University of at least five years' standing, in the field of general surgery, orthopaedic surgery, or any other surgical specialty.
- (c) shall submit satisfactory evidence of his or her postgraduate training and appropriate experience in the field of study proposed.

M37 Registration

- (a) A candidate shall be permitted to register on the first day of any month of the year and shall be required to submit his or her thesis not later than at the end of five calendar years from his or her date of first registration.
- (b) A supervisor shall be appointed by the Head of the Department of Surgery to guide the candidate on the planning and execution of the research work and presentation of the thesis.

M38 Title of Thesis

A candidate shall submit the title of the thesis for approval not later than three months before the submission of his or her thesis for examination; no modification of the title shall be made thereafter without further approval.

M39 Submission of Thesis

- (a) The thesis usually consists of a series of papers on the same or related subject published or unpublished provided that it shall be presented in the form of a thesis and shall be written in English. A mere compilation is not acceptable as a thesis. An extensive, in-depth and critical review of the background literature is expected.
- (b) A candidate shall present four copies of the thesis for examination, typed or printed and bound in accordance with the regulations governing the format, binding, and presentation of theses, together with the thesis submission form signed by the supervisor, as well as a written declaration that the thesis represents his or her own work and that it has not been submitted to any other institution in application for admission to a degree, diploma, or other qualification. If the thesis contains contributions that are not the candidate's own work, the extent of such contributions shall be declared.

M40 Examinations

The candidate shall be examined by examiners appointed for this purpose both on the thesis itself and at an oral examination on the subject of the thesis. The examiners shall be nominated by the Head of the Department of Surgery, who may also serve as the Chairman, a non-voting member, of the Thesis Examining Committee.

M41 Examination Results

- (a) A candidate who has satisfied the examiners shall be recommended for conferment of the degree of Master of Surgery.
- (b) A candidate who has not satisfied the examiners
 - (i) may be required to resubmit his or her thesis after making corrections and amendments as required by the examiners, without a new examination; or
 - (ii) may be required to revise and resubmit his or her thesis for a new examination within a period not exceeding one calendar year, as specified by the Thesis Examining Committee, and may also be required to satisfy the examiners at a new oral examination as appropriate on the subject of the revised thesis; or
 - (iii) may be deemed to have failed and shall not be permitted to submit his or her thesis again for re-examination.

M42 Any publication based on work approved for the degree of Master of Surgery shall contain a reference to the effect that the work was submitted to the University of Hong Kong for the award of the degree of Master of Surgery.

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