

REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF RESEARCH IN MEDICINE (MRes[Med])

These regulations apply to candidates admitted to the Master of Research in Medicine in the academic year 2018-19 and thereafter.

(See also General Regulations and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula)

M.43 Definition

The degree of the Master of Research in Medicine (MRes[Med]) is a postgraduate degree awarded for the satisfactory completion of the curriculum of one academic year of full-time study in the Faculty of Medicine.

Any publications based on work approved for a higher degree should contain a reference to the effect that the work was submitted to the University of Hong Kong for award of the degree.

M.44 Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission to the curriculum leading to the degree of Master of Research in Medicine a candidate:

- (a) shall comply with the General Regulations;
 - (b) shall comply with the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula but with a waiver of Regulation TPG 2(b); and
 - (c) shall have completed the second year of the curriculum and passed the Second Examination of the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of the University.
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M.45 Award of degree

To be eligible for the award of the Master of Research in Medicine, a candidate shall:

- (a) comply with the General Regulations; and
 - (b) comply with the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula; and
 - (c) complete the requirements for the award of the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery; and
 - (d) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
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M.46 Period of study

The curriculum shall normally extend over not less than one academic year of full-time study. Candidates shall not be permitted to extend their study beyond the maximum period of registration of one academic year of full time study, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

M.47 Completion of curriculum

To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall:

- (a) satisfy the requirements prescribed in TPG 6 of the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;

- (b) take not less than 69 credits in the manner specified in these regulations and the syllabuses, and follow instructions in the syllabuses prescribed for the courses and complete satisfactorily all required written, practical or clinical work;
- (c) satisfy the examiners in the courses by continuous assessments and/or by written examinations; and
- (d) complete and present a satisfactory dissertation on an approved research project. The examiners may also prescribe an oral examination.

Candidates who fail to fulfil the requirements within the prescribed maximum period of registration shall be recommended for discontinuation under the provision of General Regulation G12.

M.48 Course selection

Selection of study patterns shall be made in consultation with the candidate's Supervisor and be subjected to approval by the Head of Department under which the candidate is registered.

M.49 Advanced Standing

Advanced standing may be granted to a candidate who has successfully completed selected Research Attachment Modules in the curriculum of the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of the University, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) advanced standing of up to 6 credits of taught courses may be granted; and
- (b) all applications are considered on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Studies and shall be approved by the Board of the Faculty.

Application for advanced standing shall be made prior to the candidate's admission to the curriculum.

M.50 Title of dissertation

The title of the dissertation shall be submitted for approval before the end of the academic year, and the dissertation shall be presented not later than the end of the twelfth semester of the curriculum of the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. The candidate shall submit a statement to declare that the dissertation represents his own work undertaken after registration as a candidate for the degree. The examiners may also prescribe an oral examination on the subject of the dissertation.

M.51 Assessment

- (a) A candidate who:
 - (i) fails to satisfy the examiners in any continuous assessment(s) of a course may be permitted to retake the prescribed assessment(s); or
 - (ii) fails to satisfy the examiners in the written examination(s) of a course may be permitted to re-sit the examination(s) with or without repeating the course; or
 - (iii) fails to satisfy the examiners in the examination of the dissertation, but have satisfactorily completed the prescribed written, practical or clinical work, may be permitted to resubmit the dissertation and to re-present it within a specified period not more than four months after receipt of a notice that is unsatisfactory.
- (b) A candidate who
 - (i) is not permitted to retake the prescribed assessment(s) or repeat a course which he/she has failed, or present himself/herself for re-examination(s), or re-submit a revised dissertation; or

- (ii) fails to satisfy the examiners in a written examination at the third attempt may be required to discontinue his/her studies under the provision of General Regulation G12.

M.52 Grading System

Individual courses shall be graded according to the grading system of “Pass” and “Fail”.