

ST GEORGE'S, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

MRes IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES – REGULATIONS FOR PROGRAMME OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS ENTERING IN 2018 AND ONWARDS

1. The programme of study shall lead to the award of the MRes in Biomedical Science with the suffixes (Infection and Immunity, Antimicrobial Resistance, Global Health Diseases, Molecular Mechanisms of Cancer, Reproduction and Development) of the University of London.
2. Course management
 - 2.1 The MRes Biomedical Science Course Committee is responsible for the programme of study. Quality monitoring of the programme is the responsibility of the Taught Postgraduate Courses Committee.
 - 2.2 The Course Committee will be chaired by the Course Director. The Director of Academic Administration (Postgraduate) or his/her nominee will act as secretary to the Committee. Membership will include the Chair of the Board of Examiners and module leaders from each of the pathway modules. A representative will be nominated each year by the students and entitled to attend sessions of unreserved business. The Course Committee will meet at least once a term. Minutes will be forwarded to TPCC.
3. Entry requirements

Entry requirements for the programme are a first degree in an appropriate subject with a classification of at least class 2 division (ii) or an equivalent overseas qualification. Degrees should normally have been obtained within the last five years. Applicants with non-standard entry qualifications may be considered for entry at the discretion of the Course Director. All candidates for admission will normally be expected to attend an interview.
4. Admissions

The Course Committee shall agree and from time to time prescribe changes to the admissions policy. The Course Director is responsible for determining who is eligible for admission to the programme within this policy.
5. Exemptions

No exemptions will be offered for prior learning.
6. Period of study

The minimum period of study shall be 12 months full-time. The maximum period of study shall be 36 months full-time. A student who wishes to request an extension to the maximum period of study shall do so in accordance with the procedure prescribed by Senate (see 4.13 *General Regulations*)
7. Course structure

The structure of the programme is as follows:

3 core modules

Research Methods	15 credits
Statistics	15 credits
Research Project Planning & Management	15 credits

1 specialist module

One to be chosen from those set out in the course handbook for the relevant years of study	30 credits
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Research project

105 credits

8. Assessment

8.1 The course assessment will be weighted as follows:

taught module assessments	41.3%
project	58.6%

8.2 Course work assignments will be prescribed for taught modules. Submission deadlines will be specified in the course handbooks. Module co-ordinators shall prescribe the topics and guidelines for each assignment and communicate these to students.

8.3 A written examination will take place for the module in Statistics. It will be a one-hour unseen paper covering topics taught during the module.

8.4 The dissertation will be submitted by September. This will take the form of a 15,000-25,000 word report on the research project conducted during the course.

8.5 An attendance requirement of 75% at taught sessions is specified.

9. The Course Committee shall agree, and from time to time make changes to, a scheme of assessment for the course.

10. Students are required to make a serious attempt at the assessments specified in 8 above. Course work must be submitted by the deadlines specified in the course handbook unless written permission for an extension is given. The Board of Examiners will determine at the end of the year whether a student's progress is sufficient to merit award of the degree.

11. Re-entry to assessments

11.1 Students are entitled to two attempts at each assessment.

11.2 Course work must normally be re-submitted within four weeks of receiving an initial fail mark. Marks for re-submitted course work are limited to bare pass (50%). Students are required to pass the each of the taught modules to complete the course. Students who persistently fail to submit course work by the deadlines specified may have their registration terminated.

11.3 Students who fail the formal written examination in Statistics at first attempt will be able to re-sit on one occasion. Marks for re-sit examinations will be limited to bare pass (50%).

11.4 Students who fail the dissertation at first attempt will be permitted to re-submit the dissertation on one occasion at a date determined by the Board of Examiners. Marks for the re-submission of the research project will be limited to the bare pass (50%). Students who fail the dissertation at second attempt will fail the degree, irrespective of marks gained in other assessments but may be awarded a Certificate at the Examiners' discretion.

12. Award

12.1 Candidates for the award of the degree must:

- obtain a pass mark in each of the taught modules
- pass the dissertation
- complete the attendance requirement satisfactorily

- within the maximum registration period specified.
- 12.2 Candidates who pass 3 taught modules, including a specialist module, to achieve 60 credits, but do not complete the research project may be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Biomedical Sciences at the Examiners' discretion.
- 13 Distinctions and Merits
Criteria for the award of distinctions and merits will be specified in the scheme of assessment. Outright distinctions will be awarded to candidates obtaining $\geq 70\%$ in the research project and an overall average of $\geq 70\%$.
- 14 The date of the award of the qualification to successful students will be the date of the Board of Examiners meeting at which their final result is determined.
15. The detailed arrangements for the course and overall course plan will be published each year in the course handbook. Detailed syllabuses for each module will be published in module handbooks.
16. Board of Examiners
- 16.1 A Board of Examiners shall be appointed annually to serve from Mid-Sept for 12 months with membership agreed by the Course Committee. The membership shall include the Course Director, Chair of the Board (who shall not be the Course Director) and at least three internal examiners (as defined in General Regulations 8.2.1.) deemed appropriate. At least one external examiner will be appointed each year as a member of the Board. Assessors may be invited to attend the Board where appropriate. The Director of Academic Administration (Postgraduate) or his/her nominee shall act as secretary to the Board.
- 16.2 The Board of Examiners shall have the power to determine all final marks awarded to students, to decide on students' progression within the course, to decide on the award of degrees, certificates, merits and distinctions and to make recommendations concerning changes to the scheme of assessment where necessary. The Board of Examiners shall meet at least once a year to fulfil these purposes.
17. Students enrolled on this programme are bound by the General Regulations in force at the time.