

Assessment & Award Regulations

1. Course:

The Master of Research (MRes)

2. Year:

One year full time two years part-time

3. Applicable to Academic Year:

For students commencing in 2021

6. Marking Criteria:

Plagiarism software will be used for all written assignments

In-course assessment and dissertation - see the College's Common Marking Scheme

<https://www.rvc.ac.uk/about/the-rvc/academic-quality-regulations-procedures#panel-exams-assessment>

Oral examination – see the College's marking scheme for Masters Research Project Oral Exams

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7. Allocation of marks and any additional requirements:

In course assessment (10%), Dissertation (70%); Oral (20%). The in-course assessment comprises: statistics examination (5%), poster presentation (3%) and graphical abstract (2%).

8. Requirements to Pass the MRes:

A mark of 50% or more for the combined elements (in-course assessment, dissertation and oral examination).

9. Consequence of Failure:

A candidate who fails the statistics examination will be required to resit at the earliest available opportunity (mark will be capped at 50%). Subsequent failure at the re-sit examination will require the student to meet with the College statistician to discuss the reasons for their poor performance and to identify ways of improving their understanding of statistical methods, which may require referral to the Student Performance and Development System (SPDS) and/or Advice Centre, if additional support (e.g. numeracy) is considered necessary. In addition, examiners will be informed of this result prior to the oral examination and asked to specifically question the candidate's understanding of the data analysis presented in the dissertation.

A student who fails overall at the first attempt shall be given an opportunity to revise and resubmit the dissertation (normally a maximum of 3 months after the viva date) and will be required to re-sit the oral examination, if this mark was less than 5/10. In terms of in-course assessment, the candidate can elect to carry forward their marks, but will be given the opportunity to resubmit their graphical abstract and/or retake the poster presentation, if these scored less than 5/10. A candidate who fails at the second attempt will be required to relinquish the course; they will have a right of appeal as described in College Regulations.

