

**MSC IN MATHEMATICAL AND THEORETICAL PHYSICS  
AND  
MMATHPHYS IN MATHEMATICAL AND THEORETICAL PHYSICS  
2021-22**

**First Notice to Candidates**

This circular contains information about:

1. Examination entry dates;
2. Submission of problem sheets for courses with a homework completion requirement;
3. Classification and marking conventions

Further notices will be sent out later with information about practical arrangements for the various assessments which form part of the course.

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## 1. Examination entry dates

You will need to formally enter for the units you wish to be assessed on, including those courses which only have a homework completion requirement, by completing an examination entry form. This is done online through Student Self Service (<https://evision.ox.ac.uk/>) and further information on the process can be found at <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams/examination-entry>.

For this course there will be three examination entry dates:

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November, week 4 Michaelmas term:** Michaelmas term for courses examined by invigilated written examination in Hilary term;

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January, week 2 Hilary term:** Hilary term for Michaelmas Term practicals (homework) Hilary term submissions (such as mini-projects released in Hilary Term) and all courses assessed by invigilated written examination in Trinity term.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, week 3 Trinity term:** Trinity term for Hilary and Trinity term practicals (homework) and Trinity term submissions (such as the dissertation).

Once you have formally entered for a unit you will be expected to complete the assessment. If, after the examination entry date has passed, you change your mind you should apply for permission to change your examination entry through your college using the change of options form available from your college office. You may be charged a change of options fee for doing this. Please note, if you decide to withdraw from an option you must apply to do so before the date of the examination or submission deadline.

## 2. Submission of problem sheets for courses with a homework completion requirement

Some courses require that homework is completed to a certain standard in order to complete the course. The table in Appendix A of the examination conventions (<http://mmathphys.physics.ox.ac.uk/students>) indicates the assessment method for every course and whether or not the course has a homework completion requirement.

The homework for all courses with homework requirement will be assigned by the lecturer of the course. Each homework will be marked by a teaching assistant (TA) based on solutions provided by the lecturer. Some of the courses will be accompanied by classes led by tutors in order to discuss the homework assignments. The homework problems will be marked using a letter system A/B/C for problems solved or attempted competently (A for excellent, B good, C fair), and F for those problems which are not handed in or, if attempted, show insufficient understanding of the concepts taught in the lectures

The homework requirement for a course has been completed if 50% or more of all the problems assigned have a mark A/B/C. Otherwise the homework requirement has not been completed. The 50% is derived from the total number of problems set for the homework course, not per problem sheet. The TA will scan all questions marked F. At the end of the course, Examiners will review all questions assigned F and will make the final decision as to whether or not each student has completed the homework requirement for a unit.

Each homework will have a submission date and the homework should be submitted online following the procedure below. Late homework will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances. Students who fall ill or have an emergency which prevents them from handing in their homework on

time, need to contact their lecturer, as soon as possible. For those courses accompanied by classes which discuss the homework assignments, homework submitted after a student has attended the class will not be accepted. The course handbook (<http://mmathphys.physics.ox.ac.uk/students>) provides further details on the procedure to follow if you are unable to meet the submission date for homework, and the procedure to follow if you wish to make a complaint.

### **How to submit your homework:**

If you have hand-written your problem sheet, you will need to scan your work. Details of scanning applications you may choose to use can be found here:

<https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/members/it/faqs/files/phone-scanning>

Homework can be uploaded and feedback received through Moodle for Maths courses. Guidance on how to upload to Moodle can be found

here: <https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/members/it/faqs/communication/submitting-course-work-moodle>.

Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that your work has been submitted, especially if you are submitting your homework for the purpose of homework completion. If you are concerned that your internet connection may have been interrupted and your work did not submit, you should contact your Teaching Assistant as soon as possible to confirm it has been received.

### **3. Classification and marking conventions**

For details of the classification and marking conventions for this course please see the course examination conventions (<http://mmathphys.physics.ox.ac.uk/students>).