**ASSESSMENT AND AWARD REGULATIONS**

2009 - 2010

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| 1. | Course: MSc Control of Infectious Diseases in Animals |
| **2.** | **Years:** 1 full time, 2 -3 part time |
| **3.** | **Applicable to Academic Year:** for students commencing the course in September 2009 |
| **4.** | **Aspects of course covered by Examination:** all subjects taught on the course |
| **5.** | **Form of Examination:**  Written papers:  6 module exams: 2 hour open book exam papers of long answer questions  1 statistics exam: 1 hour paper including mix of long and short answer questions  In-course assessment:  Assignment 1:Essay based on literature review and group presentation  Assignment 2: 2 Journal clubs and presentation  Assignment 3:Essay and short questions  Assignment 4: Essay and oral presentation  Assignment 5:Essay and presentation  Assignment 6: Free choice of media (poster, essay….) and presentation  Research project:  A research paper of a maximum of 5000 words in length (excluding references) suitable for publication in a peer reviewed journal  Oral exam:  An oral exam of approx 20 minutes based upon the project |
| **6.** | **Marking Criteria:**  Written examinations, in-course assessment, research project and oral exam - see 1 – 100 College Marking Criteria, as appropriate for short question and statistics exams the 1-10 College Marking Criteria will be applied. |
| **7.** | **Allocation of Marks and any additional requirements**  Overall:  Module exams: 35% (97.5% modular 2.5 % statistics)  In-course assessments: 15%  Research project and oral exam: 50% (90% written and 10% oral) |
|  | **8. Requirements to Pass the MSc**  To have achieved an aggregated average of at least 50% in the taught part of the course (in-course-assignments and written exams).  And  To have achieved an average mark of at least 50% (in-course assignment and module exam) in at least 3 modules.  And  To have achieved an average mark of at least 50% in the research component.  Resit  Students will be required to resit any failed in-course assessment, written exam or research component where the student has achieved 40% or below and has the right to resit any in-course assessments, written exams or research component where a mark below 50% was achieved.  **Requirements to Pass the Diploma**  To have achieved an aggregated average of at least 50% in the taught part of the course.  And  To have achieved an average mark of at least 50% (in-course assignment and module exam) in at least 3 modules.  Resit  Students will be required to resit any failed in-course assessment or any written exam where the student has achieved 40% or below and has the right to resit any in-course assessments and written exams where a mark below 50% was achieved. |
| 9. | Consequences of Failure  A candidate who fails at the first attempt shall have a right to resit as described in ‘8. Requirements to pass the MSC’ and will be invited to attend Postgraduate APRICOT Committee. A candidate who fails at the second attempt will be required to relinquish the course; s/he will have a right of appeal as described in College Regulations. |

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| **10.** | **Classification and Awards:**  From the combined mark taken from all of the components defined in 7 above.  75% or more at first attempt: Distinction  65-74% at first attempt: Merit  50-64%: Pass  Students who pass all assessments of the taught component but fail the research project and oral exam component shall be entitled to the award of the Postgraduate Diploma. |
| **11.** | **Disclosure of Marks**  Results will be published by candidate number. |
| **12.** | **Absence and Summative in-course assessment**  An allowable absence is one that is for a significant unforeseeable event such as illness. Any other foreseeable absence will only be considered allowable if agreed by APRICOT and this will only apply in very strictly limited circumstances.  A student absent for any other reason will be awarded 0 (zero) for the assessment. |
| **13.** | **Late submission of work**  Course work submitted after the due deadline will be given a mark of 0 (zero). Project Work submitted after the due deadline cannot receive a mark greater than a bare pass. For both cases the only exception being if the student has been given an extension by the graduate school. |