**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 questions1 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 presentationAssignment 3:Essay and short questionsAssignment 4: Essay and oral presentationAssignment 5:Essay and presentation Assignment 6: Free choice of media (poster, essay….) and presentationResearch project:A research paper of a maximum of 5000 words in length (excluding references) suitable for publication in a peer reviewed journalOral 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).AndTo have achieved an average mark of at least 50% (in-course assignment and module exam) in at least 3 modules.AndTo have achieved an average mark of at least 50% in the research component.ResitStudents 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.AndTo have achieved an average mark of at least 50% (in-course assignment and module exam) in at least 3 modules.ResitStudents 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 FailureA 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: Distinction65-74% at first attempt: Merit50-64%: PassStudents 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. |