

## Assessment & Award Regulations

<p><b>1. Course:</b></p> <p>The Master of Research (MRes)</p>
<p><b>2. Year:</b></p> <p>Years 1 and 2</p>
<p><b>3. Applicable to Academic Year:</b></p> <p>For students commencing in 2014</p>
<p><b>4. Aspects of course covered by Examination:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissertation of between 10,000 and 15,000 words.</li><li>• Oral Examination.</li></ul>
<p><b>5. Assessment:</b></p> <p><b>Course requirements to be completed before submission of the dissertation and oral examination:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One essay or equivalent piece of written work of 2000 to 2500 words.</li><li>• Completion of the statistics course and examination for postgraduate research students</li><li>• Satisfactory attendance at 50% of College Internal Seminars and 50% of Research seminars</li><li>• Attendance at induction and skills training workshops (time management, project management, effective presentation skills, writing workshops 1 and 2, research with impact training)</li><li>• Poster presentation at College Poster and Seminar Day (includes submission of a poster abstract and impact statement)</li><li>• Presentation at the College's Internal Seminar Series and one other research presentation.</li></ul>
<p><b>6. Marking Criteria:</b></p> <p>Plagiarism software will be used for all written assignments Dissertation - see College's Common Marking Scheme (<a href="http://intranet.rvc.ac.uk/StudentsAndTeaching/AAREgs2009_10/Consolidated_Common_Grading_Scheme.doc">http://intranet.rvc.ac.uk/StudentsAndTeaching/AAREgs2009_10/Consolidated_Common_Grading_Scheme.doc</a>)</p> <p>Oral examination – The College's marking scheme for Orals</p>

**7. Allocation of marks and any additional requirements:**

- Dissertation (90%); Oral (10% )

**8. Requirements to Pass the MRes:**

- A mark of 50% or more for the dissertation and oral examination

**9. Consequence of Failure:**

A candidate who fails at the first attempt shall have a right to re-sit. 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.

**10. Classification and Awards:**

75% or more at the first attempt      Distinction

65-74% at the first attempt      Merit

50-64%      Pass

A maximum mark of 50% will be awarded for a second attempt.

**11. Absence from summative assessments:**

Where a student has an *allowable* absence, they will be permitted to defer the oral examination.

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 postgraduate Academic Progress Committee and this will only apply in very strictly limited circumstances. A student absent for any other reason will be awarded 0 (zero).

**12. Late Submission of work:**

Submission of the dissertation after the due deadline without good reason (the end of the eleventh month of study pro-rated for part-time students).

Dissertations submitted after the due deadline will be subject to the late submission policy set out in the College's General Assessment Regulations which can be found at the following: <http://intranet.rvc.ac.uk/StudentsAndTeaching/MarkingSchemes.cfm>