

Medical Dean

From: Medical Director of Teaching
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Cc: MD4002
Subject: IMPORTANT - MD4002 Dissertation Supervisor Update
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Dear MD4002 supervisors,

Please see attached the information sent to students in MD4002 updating them on the assessment processes for this module: In summary, it confirms their dissertation will be worth 100% of their module mark and they will not be required to do a presentation on their dissertation.

As an update, the University has changed its policy on mitigating circumstances for this academic year and it will provide your students with an extra level of security regarding the impact of this module on their degree classification: Students can elect to request "S-Coding" of this module with relaxed limits. S-Coding will allow their degree classification to be calculated with and without their MD4002 grade calculated in, with the student subsequently being awarded the better of the two outcomes. Students have been informed of this, and we will provide them information on how and when to request this adjustment in due course. No action required on your behalfs, but please be reassured an extension to the deadline is not the only mitigation provided to students.

Some supervisors have been enquiring about additional extensions for their students. Please be aware that only students, not supervisors, can make formal requests for extension of deadlines. We hope that the mitigation described above will reassure many that further extensions are not required but realise some students may be unwell or have additional confounding factors. Please direct all such students to contact medsupport@st-andrews.ac.uk to discuss their situation and what options are open to them. We will review the current submission deadline in light of any University changes to the results reporting deadline, to ensure sufficient time for both project completion and marking.

If you are experiencing difficulty in providing weekly supervision to your students in light of the current situation, please let the module controllers know as soon as possible via md4002@st-andrews.ac.uk

Once again, our huge thanks to all your ongoing help with this module and support/supervision of your students.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Alun, Winnie and Silvia

MD4002 Assessment Plan

Information for MD4002 Students 01/04/2020

This document outlines are plans for your remaining assessment, please read it carefully and fully. Please note that we will release further details and resources to support you in due course.

Presentation

We will be waiving your requirement to deliver a presentation on your dissertation for this academic year.

Dissertation

Your dissertation will be the only assessed component for MD4002.

Grade Calculation

Your grade for MD4002 will be based 100% on the grade awarded to your dissertation.

Dissertations will continue to be marked by two separate assessors, followed by mediation of marking should there be more than two grade-point differences between both markers. Should mediation not resolve this difference, your dissertation will be marked by a third independent assessor and the average of your grade taken.

As per the communication via Galen on the 17th of March, please be reassured that the marking scheme accounts for projects that needed to be concluded earlier than expected (i.e. laboratory and data collection projects), and that this will not disadvantage you if so.

Mitigating Circumstances

Please refer to the recent communication on Galen regarding the option to retrospectively request S-Coding for MD4002 following publication of your module results: We will update all students on the process for requesting this in due course.

Whilst we hope this change in S-Coding policy and the previously communicated change in deadline mitigates your concerns, please contact medsupport@st-andrews.ac.uk if you have additional concerns regarding your personal circumstances.

Supervision

Please be aware that we expect supervisors to be able to continue their regular, weekly contact with you after the end of Spring Break. If you are unable to maintain regular contact with your supervisor upon resumption of term please contact the Module Controllers via md4002@st-andrews.ac.uk

Best wishes and stay safe,

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