
The Part II Year

Part II Induction Course

starting Monday 12th September 2022

Induction: Monday morning

Departmental Matters

09.30-10.20	Jan Czernuszka	<i>Welcome & Introduction</i>
10.20-10.30	Helena Cotterill	<i>Opportunities for outreach activities</i>
10.30-10.40	Phani Karamched	<i>Electron microscopy training courses</i>
10.40-11.45	Break + Les Chorley	<i>The workshop and signing up for the workshop practice course</i>
11.45-12.20	Ian Bishop	<i>Safety Lecture</i>
12.20-13.15	Paul Warren	<i>Department IT</i>
13.15- 13.30	Jan Czernuszka	<i>Project Management and the Part II Talk</i>

Part II Project Organisation

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Induction: Thursday afternoon -HRLT

Project Management

13.30-16.50	Gerry Litchfield <i>QinetiQ</i> / Jan Czernuszka	<i>Project Management</i> + coffee
16.50-17.00	Jan Czernuszka	<i>Project Management - Quotes</i>

NB. You will need to do work in preparation for this

Induction: Plagiarism – by Friday

You all need to do the on-line plagiarism course

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills/plagiarism?wssl=1>

Click on *on-line course* and then login using your SSO

You must complete it (pass mark is 80%, you can repeat if needed) and send in your certificate by 5pm on Friday 16th September

Send to

undergraduate.studies@materials.ox.ac.uk

Induction: Monday 26th September

➤ INFORMATION SKILLS FOR PART II STUDENTS

including an introduction to

REFERENCE MANAGEMENT

Alessandra Vetrugno (OULS)

Monday 26th September 2022, 10.00-11.00

Induction: later in the year

➤ **Ethics and Sustainability Workshop**

MT: (usually MT week 4, Wednesday 2-5pm)

Steve Newbury (Williams Advanced Engineering)

Stella Job (CompositesUK)

Louis Brimacombe (Consultant and ex. Tata Steel)

This will be followed by a 2nd workshop in HT exploring the ethics and sustainability of your own projects

➤ **MatLab: use in Materials Research**

MT: (tbc)

Induction: later in the year

- **LabVIEW workshop**

MT: (tbc)

- **Engineering Context workshop**

MT: (usually week 7, Monday 10am)

Postgraduate and Part II Lectures

- You are strongly encouraged to attend any postgraduate lectures that you and/or your supervisor(s) consider useful or interesting (see Lecture Lists on Departmental website)
- In particular, if you are planning to use:
 - **X-ray diffraction** – you must attend the course on ‘X-ray diffractometry’ given by Chris Grovenor
 - **Electron microscopy** you must first receive instruction organised by Neil Young/Gareth Hughes and/or Pete Nellist

Other Transferable Skills

- You may find it useful to attend some of the following workshops/events. For details see the on-line termly lecture list
 - The Oxford University Careers Service – Active job hunting, MT, Dr Evans
 - Careers & networking evening with alumni, MT
 - Writing skills, plagiarism, laboratory notebooks, IPR & patents, HT, Professor Assender & others
 - Presentation skills, HT, Mr Baker & Dr Taylor
 - DPhil poster competition, HT
 - Technology and knowledge transfer, TT (tbc)
 - Preparing an article for submission to a materials journal, TT (tbc)
- In addition, an email will be circulated in due course with details of Foreign Language options that are available to you.
- NOTE: demand for places is typically high – you will need to discuss with College Tutor and Part II supervisor *in advance* of submitting the form

Extended Terms and Residency Requirements

- Statutory residence of **36 weeks** (Examination Decrees and Regulations)
- Extended terms:
 - **Michaelmas Term 2022**
Friday, 9th September - Saturday, 10th December
 - **Hilary Term 2023**
Friday, 6th January - Saturday, 1st April
 - **Trinity Term 2023**
Friday, 14th April - Saturday, 1st July (NB. End of 10th week)

Part II Handbook

- **This presentation is a brief introduction to your Part II Handbook - available on-line**
- It is NOT a substitute for you reading the Part II Handbook
- Part II Handbook is available on-line at:
<http://www.materials.ox.ac.uk/teaching/part2/pt2handbooks.html>
- There may be up-dates over the next few weeks
– you will be informed as and when these happen

Lab Books

- **Aim: To enable you to keep a complete record of everything that you do during your Part II project**
- Extremely useful for writing up
- Good scientific practice - very common in industry and academia to document procedures, results and analysis
- Maintains traceability of records, and safeguards intellectual property rights (IPR)
- Your supervisor may expect to retain your lab book or a copy of it at the end of the project
- **They WILL NOT be used for examining purposes**
- **Please collect a lab book from Reception later today – and put your name on/in it!**

Ordering Materials, Equipment, etc.

- You should agree your request for consumables, materials, equipment etc. with your supervisor
- Your supervisor will give you an account code (same as for their Dphil students) for minor items to be obtained from the **Departmental Stores** (to a total of £50). You should not disclose this account code to others
- A catalogue of items held in Stores is available on-line at <https://www.materials.ox.ac.uk/stores-and-workshops>, as is the form you will need to fill out. Your supervisor will need to sign the form

Ordering Materials, Equipment, etc.

- If the items are not held in stores you should complete a **requisition form**, obtainable from the Department's internal web pages at <https://www.materials.ox.ac.uk/local/documents.html>. You may **NOT** place an order directly with a supplier
- Where possible, use a supplier with whom the University already has an account (see above website again). Setting up new accounts is very costly, and **GREATLY SLOWS** the ordering process
- You **MUST** get your supervisor to sign the form, and state where the funding is coming from (it will be returned otherwise!)
- Further advice on how to order is in your Part II Handbook

Managing your project starts...now!

- If you want your project to be well managed what do you think is the first thing you need to know?

The ultimate objective

To maximise your mark and get a good degree

- How can this be achieved?
The Thesis

The Thesis

- **Layout**
- must be word-processed with double line-spacing
- on A4 paper, and printed on one side only of each sheet
- within a page area of 247 mm x 160 mm (i.e. the sum of the top and bottom margin should be 50 mm, and the sum of the left-hand and right-hand margins should be 50 mm)
- with a left-hand margin of at least 30 mm (to allow ease of reading after binding)
- using type of at least 11pt font size

The Thesis

- **Word & Page Limits**
- **Word limit: 12,000** words for the main body of the thesis, plus **3,000** words for a mandatory final chapter on project management (max 1,500 words), health, safety and risk assessment (max 500 words) and ethics and sustainability (max 1,000 words). Word counts **exclude** references, title page, acknowledgements, table of contents and the three project management forms
- **Page limit: 100** pages. Page count **excludes** references, title page, acknowledgements, table of contents and appendices
- All pages of the thesis should be numbered sequentially
- If you wish to be exempted from the word and/or page limit you and your supervisor should apply, to the Chairman of the Part II Examiners at an early stage
- The examiners will enforce the word and/or page limit strongly, and any thesis submitted over the word limit may be subject to penalties

The Thesis

- **Appendices**
- Word & Page limits imposed to prevent the inclusion of material that is unnecessary for development of the key argument(s) of the thesis
- Additional material, e.g. further detailed data, may be included in appendices
- Examiners are required to read only the main body of the thesis. They will read appendices entirely at their own discretion

Thesis Contents

- The thesis **MUST** include:
- A one-page abstract
- A literature survey
- A brief account of the *Engineering Context/Relevance* of your project (a requirement of Accreditation)
- A final chapter containing an account of the project management, health, safety and risk assessment, and ethical and sustainability aspects of your investigation
- A signed statement that the thesis is your own work and that it adheres to the word and page limits (see Appendix A in Part II Handbook)

Thesis Submission

- You will be required to upload your thesis to the University approved online assessment platform by **4.00 pm on Monday of week 7 of Trinity Full Term**
- The **viva voce examination** is normally held in 9th or 10th week of Trinity Term. Keep these weeks clear in your diary. **NB. Extended term dates are to end of 10th week. Expect to have to be here in 10th week**

Marking The Part II Project

➤ The Procedure

- The Part II contributes a maximum of **400** marks / total of **1200** marks for the degree
- Theses will be read by two internal examiners. Each independently allocates a provisional mark
- Each thesis will be seen by one of two external examiners before the viva
- After the viva the Part II examiners will discuss the provisional marks and agree collectively a mark out of 400
- Further guidance on last year's marking process is given in the Part II Handbook but this is reviewed each year – you will be informed if there are to be any changes to procedures

What Makes A Good Part II Thesis?

- High quality scientific work, carried out professionally and well presented
- Remember, scientific research is unpredictable. There may be unexpected difficulties, of one sort or another. You may have limited control over such events
- You do not have to discover something entirely new
- Your report is on **your** investigations. Tell us what you did
- If it worked, that's great
- If it didn't, suggest reasons why, and if appropriate, improvements to the project
- If other people have duplicated your work, include a critical comparison of your work and theirs

How To Write A Good Part II Thesis

- Your literature survey should be concise and **critical**, and you should include mention of what literature, databases or other information sources you have used in compiling it (**write notes on each paper you read, as you read it – key findings/relevance**)
- Full information should be given about the materials that you study – their source, purity, full composition, prior thermal and mechanical treatments, etc (**detail in your lab book**)
- Experimental procedures should be carefully described and sufficiently detailed to allow another scientist to repeat them (**detail in your lab book**)
- The thesis should contain a clear summary of the main results and conclusions and (where appropriate) should identify key objectives for further work

How To Write A Good Part II Thesis

- The scientific significance of your results should be discussed, including e.g. a comparison with the findings of other scientists, conformity to known understanding etc
- Analysis of the statistical significance of experimental results should be included whenever appropriate
- The reproducibility of experimental measurements should be stated. An estimate of experimental errors and uncertainties should be included alongside the results
- Where computer modelling has been used, an assessment of the reliability of the model and the accuracy of the calculations should be attempted
- **You should write in a scientific style, similar to a DPhil theses (check-out other theses in the library and be guided by your supervisor)**
 - **Start writing as early as possible!!**

Analysis of Errors

- Some years ago, one external examiner, Professor Goodhew of Liverpool University, commented in his report on the
'almost complete absence of sensible estimates of experimental errors, or any careful attempts to assess the reproducibility of individual data points'
- There was also a
'complete absence of use of any form of statistical analysis or even proper curve fitting in order to establish confidence limits for results'
- He concluded that
'critical judgement was seriously lacking'

Remedies?

- 1st year “Errors in Measurement” lectures
- Handout from Dr Jakubovics (Appendix B of your Part II Handbook)

Plagiarism

Essential Information for Students

You must read the Proctors' Disciplinary Regulations for University Examinations, which make clear that:

- you must indicate to the examiners when you have drawn on the work of others, using quotation marks and references in accordance with the conventions of your subject area
- other people's original ideas and methods should be clearly distinguished from your own
- the use of other people's words, illustrations, diagrams etc should be clearly indicated regardless of whether they are copied exactly, paraphrased or adapted
- material you have previously submitted for examination, at this University or elsewhere, or published, cannot be re-used – including by drawing on it without referencing it, which constitutes 'autoplagerism' - unless specifically permitted in the special Subject Regulations.

The Proctors Disciplinary Regulations for Examinations:
www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/regulations/288-072.shtml

Plagiarism

➤ Text

- You must not copy or closely paraphrase the words such that they appear as your own
- If you wish to use the words of others then they should be placed in quotation marks and the original source cited
- Non-published texts (e.g. theses) and electronic sources are subject to the rules on plagiarism
- Ideas and opinions are also subject to rules on plagiarism. Do not allow the opinions and conclusions of others to appear to be your own or confused with your own criticism

Plagiarism

➤ Figures

- If you use a figure from elsewhere then you should cite the original source in the figure caption and in the body text where you describe the figure
- Even if you redraw the figure, you should still refer to the original source
- If you use a collection of data from other works to create a completely new figure then you must acknowledge the sources of the original data

The Part II Talk

- You will be **required** to give a talk on your project at a session of Part II presentations **early in Trinity Term**
- **NO exemptions**
- **AIM: To give you experience of giving an oral presentation**
(but it also helps with writing your thesis)
- Each talk will last 12 minutes + 3 minutes for discussion
- The talk is **NOT** examinable!

The Part II Talk

- All members of the Department are invited, except the Part II Examiners (unless they are a Supervisor of a particular project)
- You will receive brief, confidential, feedback about your talk from the Part II Project Organiser
- Prize of £450 and a medal from **The Worshipful Company of Ironmongers** for the best talk
- The talk should be aimed at non-specialist scientists. It should include a brief description of the “Engineering Relevance” of your project

Armourers and Braziers' Prize

- The Armourers and Braziers award a medal and a prize of £250 for the best Part II project
- The award is based on the recommendation of the Part II Examiners, after the examination of the Part II theses is completed
- The Armourers like to award the prize and medal at a formal presentation by one of their senior people, on a public occasion

Leaving The Department

- **Part II Leavers Form A (available on WebLearn and Canvas)**
 - Relates to sponsorship and vacation work whilst on course, and your onward career
 - Very important information for Department and University audits and assessments
- **Part II Leavers Form B (not currently available on WebLearn or Canvas)**
 - A declaration that you have returned your library books and keys, and have handed in your Form A and electronic copy of your thesis, etc
 - This may be captured via another route depending on circumstances at the end of the academic year

Project Management

- You are required to complete **THREE** 1-page forms throughout your Part II, and send copies of them to the Undergraduate Studies Office. These forms should be downloaded from the departmental web pages (look under teaching, then Part II, then project management forms), or WebLearn or Canvas
- The project management forms are reviewed by the Part II Project Organiser, and if your project is falling on stony ground then s/he will invite you for a discussion, possibly with your supervisor
- You are required to include in your thesis a mandatory final part-chapter (1,500 words) on project management which should include a reflective account of how you managed your project and copies of the three project management forms

PROJECT MANAGEMENT FORM 2

1st Part II Project Analysis Form

Complete this form and send a copy to the Assistant to the Academic Administrator (Academic) by Friday of 6th week of Michaelmas Term

Name:

Title of Project as given in your Project Description:

Refer back to the project plan in your Project Description and list the goals you set for this term. Comment briefly on the extent to which you have achieved them.

Identify clearly any difficulties you have encountered. Are they surmountable in the time available?

State any refinements, modifications or replacements of the original objectives for your Part II project.

Are you intending to change the title of your project? If so, state the new title:

Have the training needs you identified in the Project Description been met, and have you identified any further training requirements?

Tick the appropriate box. Do you have

	None	Some	Sufficient
Results			
Analysis of results			

Do you have any other comments you wish to make?

After looking at the project plan in your Project Description complete the following project plan for the remainder of your Part II.

Task	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Writing up					○○○○○	○○○○○	○○○○○

General comments by the supervisor:

Your signature:

Date:

Your supervisor's signature:

Date:

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State any refinements, modifications or replacements of the original objectives for your Part II project:

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Tick the appropriate box. Do you have

	None	Some	Sufficient
Results			
Analysis of results			

Do you have any other comments you wish to make?

After looking at the project plan in your Project Description complete the following project plan for the remainder of your Part II.

Task	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun

PROJECT MANAGEMENT FORM 3

2nd Part II Project Analysis Form

Complete this form and send a copy to the Assistant to the Academic Administrator (Academic) by Friday of 6th week of Hilary Term

Name:

Title of Project:

Refer back to the project plan you made last term and list the goals you set for this term. Comment briefly on the extent to which you have achieved them.

Identify clearly any difficulties you have encountered. Are they surmountable in the time available?

State any refinements, modifications or replacements of the objectives you set for your Part II project.

Are you intending to change the title of your project? If so, state the new title:

What is the title of the talk you will give to the Department?

Have all your training needs for this project now been met?

Tick the appropriate box. Do you have

	None	Some	Sufficient
Results			
Analysis of results			

Do you have any other comments you wish to make?

General comments by the supervisor:

Your signature:
Date:

Your supervisor's signature:
Date:

Refer back to the project plan you made last term and list the goals you set for this term. Comment briefly on the extent to which you have achieved them.

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Do you have any other comments you wish to make?

What you need to do before Thursday

- Meet with your supervisor and group members
- Ask them for a copy of your Supervisor Form (SF1)
- Take along
 - your project description
 - a blank PMF1 (and have these + SF1 on Thursday too!)
- Find out more about your project
 - about what experiments you will need to do
 - what equipment you will need to use
 - how will you be trained
 - what materials will you use
 - are they available
- Start thinking about contingencies

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Part II Summary

- Good Luck
- Enjoy your year
- Do remember to come back
- I'll leave you with this thought....