

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

Full particulars of the examinations are given in the [Examination Regulations](#), and the Examination Conventions for 2025-26 will be found at [Course: Examination Information | DoCS Moodle \(ox.ac.uk\)](#).

Two courses are scheduled for examination at the end of Michaelmas Term 2025. This notice gives information about what to submit, and when, and guidelines for mini-projects (Appendix A).

1. Submitted Mini-project(s)

Release Date

The mini-projects (take-home assignments) for each course may be downloaded from [Inspira](#) from 12:00 noon (UK time) on the date shown:

Friday of week 8, Michaelmas Term (5th December 2025):

- Categories, Proofs and Processes
- Computational Biology
- Concurrent Algorithms and Data Structures
- Distributed Processes, Types and Programming
- Uncertainty in Deep learning

Submitting a mini-project

Mini-projects must be submitted online through [Inspira](#). We do not accept printed copies.

Please name your file with your **candidate number** (not student number) and the **name of the assignment**.

Please note that your candidate number should be the only means of identification of your work. Please ensure that you include your candidate number on the front page of each mini-project submitted. **DO NOT include your name or student number.** You can obtain your candidate number through Student Self Service (for guidance on using the Student Self Service, please visit: <http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/selfservice/>). Should you encounter any problems doing this then please contact academic.administrator@cs.ox.ac.uk.

You should pay particular attention to the information on '[Making Changes to your work after submission](#)'. We **strongly encourage** students to check the work that has been submitted to [Inspira](#), as soon as it has been submitted. If the wrong document has been uploaded in error, or the work otherwise is not what you intended to submit, the correct file must be emailed to academic.administrator@cs.ox.ac.uk **within 30 minutes of the deadline** for it to be accepted for marking. If work is sent more than 30 minutes after the deadline, the University does not allow us to accept it for marking.

Once mini-projects have been published they are not to be shared or discussed with other students or anybody else. Please note, where mini-projects are set for candidates studying a different degree programme the material covered in the mini-project may be similar but may not be identical.

If you decide that you would like to withdraw from the assessment, you must notify the University, through your college, **as soon as possible before the submission deadline**. If you intend to change your options (to drop one assessment and take another in its place), this must be communicated through the change of options process at least **five working days before the submission deadline**.

Submission Date

Submission Date: 12.00 noon, Wednesday 7th January 2026

Guidelines for mini-projects

Please refer to [Appendix A](#).

2. Late submission or failure to submit coursework

Under the provisions permitted by the regulations, late submission of coursework (i.e. mini-projects) where there are no extenuating circumstances may result in the following penalties:

Lateness	Cumulative penalty
Up to 12 hours	10 marks
12 – 48 hours	20 marks
48 – 72 hours	30 marks
72 – 96 hours	40 marks
96 hours – 14 days	50 marks
More than 14 calendar days after the notice of non-submission	Fail

3. Practicals

Please do not submit the practical work from your Michaelmas Term courses with your mini-projects, **but please do keep the work in a safe place until required for submission**. You will be required to submit your practical work for all your courses in one bundle in Trinity Term. Details of the submission date and time will follow in Hilary Term. You should get your practicals signed off in the last session of term.

4. Problems

You **MUST NOT** contact any member of the Examination Board, your supervisor, or lecturer in charge of the course with any queries about the mini-project. Please address any such queries to a member of the academic admin team (academic.administrator@cs.ox.ac.uk), who will advise you of the next steps. You must do so no later than **12 noon on Friday 19th December 2025**. However, please also be aware that the University will be closed from the afternoon of Tuesday 23rd December 2025 until the morning of Monday 5 January 2026. We will do our best to provide responses to all questions submitted before 12 noon on 19 December, but we may not be able to do so before the University closes. We therefore strongly encourage you to submit your questions earlier. Any questions received after 12 noon on 19 December will not be answered.

If you have difficulties completing your assessment – please see

[Problems completing your assessment | University of Oxford](#)

For questions about your exams in general, please feel free to contact any member of the academic administration team at academic.administrator@cs.ox.ac.uk

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Appendix A

The mini-project will be designed to be completed in about three days. It will include some questions that are more open-ended than those in a standard sit-down exam.

1. If you plan to complete your mini-projects away from Oxford, make sure that you have access to adequate computing resources, including email.

Please note that some of your mini-projects have page limits, as set out in your student handbook. If there is no page limit, you should aim at writing about 10 pages.

2. When submitting your mini-projects, you will have to complete a Declaration Form attesting that they are your own work, except where indicated. For assessed work submitted online, the declaration will be an on-screen form. Failure to correctly acknowledge your sources is plagiarism, which is treated as a very serious disciplinary offence. Please consult the [University website regarding plagiarism](#), and the detailed guidance on plagiarism in your [student handbook](#).

YOU SHOULD NOT show your mini-project to, or discuss it with, any other student.
YOU SHOULD NOT ask or seek to look at anybody else's work.

Please note that where mini-projects are set for candidates studying a different degree programme the material covered in the mini-project may be similar but may not be identical.

If you use material from any other source such as textbooks, lecture notes or the web, then you should reference it explicitly at the relevant point. For guidance on proper referencing see the resources below, and discuss with your tutor.

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills>
<http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/files/3161/Referencing.pdf>