PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION IN MATHEMATICS 2026

Notice to Candidates regarding Computational Mathematics coursework

To: First year students in Mathematics and Mathematics & Statistics

General Instructions

The Computational Mathematics projects will be listed in the course handbook. Copies are available on Moodle at https://courses.maths.ox.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=6016. Candidates must submit any two out of three projects.

Submission Deadlines

Your Computational Mathematics projects should be submitted by **12 noon** on the following dates:

- Project 1: Tuesday 5 May (week 2 TT)
- Project 2: Tuesday 26 May (week 5 TT)

Electronic Submission

Candidates must submit their work by the deadlines via Inspera. Detailed guidance on using Inspera can be found here:
https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams/submission

Log into Inspera with your SSO here: https://oxford.inspera.com/

To submit your project you will need your Oxford Single Sign-On login details (the username and password that you use to access your University email account) and your candidate number. If you do not know your candidate number, you can find it on Student Self Service https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/selfservice). Note that your candidate number is **NOT** the same as your student number. **You should not include any other identifying information (e.g. your name or college) anywhere in your submission.**

Take care to select the correct assignment for the project you are submitting and make sure your file name corresponds to the project (project A, B or C). You will see three questions on the Inspera submission page. Question 1 corresponds to Project A, Question 2 corresponds to Project B, and Question 3 corresponds to Project C. **Please only upload two project submissions. You do not have to upload submissions for all three questions.**

Note the form will close at 12 noon for both deadlines. You will only be able to submit a project for the second submission deadline once the first deadline has passed.

You will need to confirm the declarations of authorship and adherence to University policy on plagiarism when you submit your project. Please note that you will only be permitted to submit your project **ONCE**. Do not submit it until you are sure you have finished. You will **NOT** be able to make any changes once the project is submitted.

PLEASE NOTE: Uploading your file to Inspera is **NOT** the same as submitting. You must navigate to the submission screen and click 'Submit' after uploading your work. You should see a confirmation of submission displayed after clicking 'Submit'. This is further detailed in the Inspera guidance document.

Plagiarism

Candidates are reminded not to plagiarise. For further guidance, please see: http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills/plagiarism

All projects must be your own unaided work. You will be asked to make a declaration to this effect when you submit them. In particular, no AI tools may be used in the course of your projects, as this is a specific coding assignment. This is in line with the Mathematical Institute's policy on the use of generative AI in summatively assessed work, available at: Departmental policy on use of AI_CR_Oct25.

Late Submission of or Failure to Submit Coursework

You should be aware that the formal consequence of missing the deadline for handing in your coursework is withdrawal from the examination as if you had failed to take a written paper at the appointed time. You are advised to contact the Senior Tutor of your college if you are unable to submit your work on time.

The Examination Regulations stipulate specific dates for submission of coursework to the examiners. Rules governing late submission and any consequent penalties are set out in full in the Examination Regulations (Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations, Part 14).

If you will be prevented by illness or other urgent cause from submitting your coursework on time you should contact your college office or college tutor as soon as possible. Your college is able to submit an application for an extension of time to the Proctors on your behalf.

The scale of penalties agreed by the board of examiners in relation to late submission of assessed coursework, where permission to submit late has not been granted by the Proctors, is set out below.

Table 1: Late Submission Tariff

Lateness	Penalty
Up to 4 hours	1%
4–24 hours	10%
24–48 hours	20%
48–72 hours	30%
72 hours–14 days	35%
More than 14 days late	Fail

Note: The penalty will be a percentage reduction of the maximum total mark available for the work. For example, if a 10% penalty is applied to an assessment given a USM out of 100 then 10 marks would be deducted. The final mark awarded after application of the penalty cannot be below 0.

Failure to submit a required element of assessment, without an accepted reason, will result in the failure of the assessment. In this case, the mark for any resit of the assessment will be capped at a pass (USM of 40).

Marking and Results

Marks for the Computational Mathematics projects will be communicated to the moderators in the Long Vacation. The raw marks will consist of two marks out of 20 but will be incorporated into the average Prelims USM (Av1) as the equivalent of one half of a paper. Results will be communicated to candidates as part of the First Public Examination outcome.

Professor Paul Balister
Chair of Examiners
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