



**FINAL HONOUR SCHOOLS OF MATHEMATICS, MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER  
SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS, MATHEMATICAL & PHILOSOPHY, OXFORD  
MASTERS IN MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES (OMMS)  
PART C 2020-2021**

**Notice to Candidates offering a Mini-Project**

**Collecting the Mini-Project**

The C3.9 Computational Algebraic Topology and C5.4 Networks Mini-Projects will be available for collection from the Mini-Projects area on the course materials site from **12 noon on Friday week 8 (12<sup>th</sup> March)**: <https://courses.maths.ox.ac.uk/node/49397/assignments> for C3.9 and <https://courses.maths.ox.ac.uk/node/49460/assignments> for C5.4. Please let Academic Admin (acadadmin@maths.ox.ac.uk) know within 30 minutes of the open time if you are **not** able to access the Mini-Project.

Please note that you may only collect a Mini-Project if you have made an exam entry for the particular assessment.

**Working on your Mini-Project**

The work you submit for your Mini-Project should be entirely your own. You may use books, articles or other references but must acknowledge these. Please see <http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills/plagiarism> for advice on avoiding plagiarism.

You should begin your Mini-Project with a brief statement of the overall goal of the project, and finish with a conclusion of what you have achieved (or needed to assume) and comment on what other questions your work might lead to. Your project should be clearly written in sentences with appropriate punctuation, display of formulae, and appropriate use of 'Definition', 'Lemma', 'Theorem', 'Proof', etc. For some Mini-Projects, you may be asked to typeset your report using LaTeX and to use a specific style file to give a particular format.

We will not give precise guidance on length, as this can vary considerably from project to project, depending on how much calculation may be needed (and also possibly on the style file required). It is unlikely; however, that a project can be completed in fewer than five pages in 'ordinary' formatting, and it will more often be in the 10–15 page range. The projects are designed to be completed in 3-4 days, though further preparation and revision may be needed beforehand.

**Queries about Mini-Projects**

If you have any questions about the Mini-Project (e.g. requests for clarification), please email, Academic Administration (acadadmin@maths.ox.ac.uk). These will be passed as appropriate to the relevant assessor and/or the Chairman of Examiners. Any replies will be sent to all students taking that Mini-Project. You must not communicate directly with the assessor, nor discuss the projects with each other.

**Presentation of Mini-Project**

Your work should be numbered on each page and provided as a pdf. **You must not write your name on your Mini-Project; the only identification should be your candidate number which is a separate identifier from your student number that can be found through Student Self Service.**

### Submitting your Mini-Project: Electronic Copy

You must submit an electronic version of your Mini-Project via the Mathematical Institute website by **12 noon on Wednesday of week 11 (31<sup>st</sup> March)**. We will not need any hard-copy versions of your mini-projects.

C3.9: <https://courses.maths.ox.ac.uk/node/49397/assignments>

C5.4: <https://courses.maths.ox.ac.uk/node/49460/assignments>

Please give the file you are submitting your candidate number as its name. You should not include any identifying information other than your candidate number.

You will be asked to submit the declaration of authorship along with your electronic copy of your submission. The declaration will be removed by the Chairman of Examiners, so the assessors of your work will not be able to identify you. An electronic copy can be found at <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams/submission?wssl=1>.

### Late Submission of or Failure to Submit Coursework

The Examination Regulations stipulate specific dates for submission of coursework to the examiners; this includes the dissertations, Mini-Projects and any coursework you need to complete if you take a course taught by another department. 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 submissions of assessed items, without an accepted reason, 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.

For Part C students, failure to submit a required element of assessment, without an accepted reason, will result in the failure of the whole of Part C. For MSc students, failure to submit a required element of assessment, without an accepted reason, will result in the failure of that assessment. In this case, the mark for any resit of the assessment will be capped at a pass.