

Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of Teaching Audit Committee on 24/04/17 and by Education Committee on 06/07/17

Title of Programme

Master of Public Policy

Brief note about nature of change: changes to core course titles and simplification of regulations

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mofpublpoli/studentview/> as amended by *Gazette* of 22/06/17

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For first examination from 2017-18

Detail of change

1. Amend citation reference 1.4 as follows:

'1. A candidate seeking admission as a Student for the Degree of Master of Public Policy shall apply to the Blavatnik School of Government (~~BSG~~) ~~Graduate Studies Committee~~. Candidates for admission shall be required to provide such information as the ~~committee~~ School may determine from time to time by regulation. Applicants shall in addition be required to undertake such other tests and meet such conditions as, subject to the approval of the Social Sciences Board, the ~~committee~~ School may determine by regulation.'

2. Amend citation reference 1.5 as follows:

'2. No person shall be admitted as a Student for the Degree of Master of Public Policy under these provisions unless he or she is also a member of a college, hall, or other approved society, and unless the application for admission as a Student for the Degree of

Master of Public Policy has the approval of that society. The ~~Academic Director~~ School shall forward the application to the candidate's society or to the society to which the candidate wishes to apply for membership, as appropriate; and admission by the ~~committee~~ School shall be conditional upon admission by an approved society.'

3. Amend citation reference 1.6 as follows:

'3. A student registered for any other higher degree or diploma in the University may apply for transfer to the status of Student for the Degree of Master of Public Policy. The ~~committee~~ School shall have power to make such transfer, provided that it is satisfied that the student is well qualified and well fitted to undertake the course of study for which application is made, and that the application has the support of the candidate's society. A candidate who transfers status in this way shall be reckoned as having held the status of Student for the Degree of Master of Public Policy from the time of admission to his or her previous status, unless the ~~committee~~ School shall determine otherwise.'

4. Amend citation reference 1.7 as follows:

'1. Every candidate on admission as a Student for the Degree of Master of Public Policy shall be placed by the ~~BSG Graduate Studies Committee~~ School under the supervision of a member of the University or other competent person ~~selected by the committee~~, and the ~~committee~~ School shall have power for sufficient reason to change the supervisor of any student or to arrange for joint supervision by more than one supervisor, if it deems necessary.'

5. Amend citation reference 1.9 as follows:

'3. The supervisor shall submit a report on the progress of a student ~~to the committee~~ three times a year, and at any other time when the ~~committee~~ School so requests or the supervisor deems expedient. The supervisor shall communicate the contents of the report to the student on each occasion that a report is made, so that the student is aware of the supervisor's assessment of his or her work during the period in question. In addition, the supervisor shall inform the ~~committee~~ School at once if he or she is of the opinion that the student is unlikely to reach the standard required for the Degree of Master of Public Policy.'

6. Amend citation reference 1.10 as follows:

'4. It shall be the duty of every Student for the Degree of Master of Public Policy to undertake such ~~guided~~ work and to attend such seminars and lectures as his or her supervisor requests; to attend such meetings with his or her supervisor as the supervisor reasonably arranges; and to fulfil any other requirements -as set out in relevant Policy issued by the Education Committee.'

7. Amend citation reference 1.15 as follows:

'(b) the ~~BSG Graduate Studies Committee~~ School shall, in accordance with provisions set down by regulation by the Divisional Board, and after consultation with the student's society and supervisor, have deprived the student of such status;'

8. Amend citation reference 1.18 as follows:

'1. The examination for the Degree of Master of Public Policy shall be under the supervision of the ~~BSG Graduate Studies~~ Blavatnik School MPP Committee. The subjects and methods of each examination shall be determined by regulation by the committee, which shall have power to arrange lectures and courses of instruction for the assessment. ~~The assessment shall consist of:~~

9. Delete citation reference 1.19-1.22 as follows:

~~'(a) course assignments;~~

~~'(b) written examinations;~~

~~'(c) written reports on a summer project approved by the committee; and~~

~~'(d) an oral examination; provided that the committee shall have power by regulation to authorise the examiners to dispense individual candidates from the oral examination. This provision notwithstanding, the examiners may, if they deem expedient, set a candidate a further written examination after examining the candidate orally.'~~

10. Amend citation reference 1.24-1.25 as follows:

~~'3. Unless otherwise provided in this sub-section, the number and distribution of examiners shall be as set out in the relevant regulation.~~

~~4. A If a candidate receives a failing mark for any of the summative assessments, they may resubmit or retake the assessment who has failed to satisfy the examiners in the examination may enter again on one further occasion as set out in the course handbook, but not more than one, subsequent occasion for that part of the examination which he or she failed.'~~

11. Amend citation reference 1.26 as follows:

~~'1. Candidates must follow for at least three terms a course of instruction in Public Policy. Candidates must complete and satisfy the examiners in the assessments associated with each of the following.'~~

12. Amend citation reference 1.27 as follows:

~~'(a) all courses from the Schedule, and satisfy the examiners in the assignment and/or examination associated with each course;~~

13. Amend citation reference 1.28 as follows:

~~'(b) four Applied Policy modules. Candidates must satisfy the examiners in the in-class assessment associated with each course, the list of available modules to be published annually by the BSG Graduate Studies Committee before the first Monday of Michaelmas~~

Term;'

14. Amend citation reference 1.29 as follows:

~~'(c) two electives. Candidates must satisfy the examiners in the assignment/examination/written report associated with each course, the list of electives to be published annually by the BSG Graduate Studies Committee before the first Monday of Hilary Term;'~~

15. Amend citation reference 1.30 as follows:

~~'(d) an approved summer project report. Candidates must submit a report based on a summer project approved by the BSG Graduate Studies Committee. Reports submitted on projects which have not been approved will deem the candidate ineligible to enter the report for examination and result in the assessment being failed. Candidates must satisfy the examiners in the written report associated with the summer project;'~~

16. Amend citation reference 1.32 as follows:

~~'2. Assignments and written reports on projects must be presented not later than the time and date stipulated for each exercise; these Full details of each course, the assessment methods, submission arrangements and deadlines will be published by the BSG Graduate Studies Blavatnik School MPP Committee before the first Monday of each term in which the assignment or project must be under they are taken. For all modules except Core III: The Politics of Policymaking and Core IV: Science and Public Policy the required number of copies must be delivered to the Examination Schools, and addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the Master of Public Policy, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. The assignments for Core III: The Politics of Policymaking and Core IV: Science and Public Policy will be submitted electronically via WebLearn only.'~~

17. Delete citation reference 1.35 as follows:

~~'5. If a candidate receives a failing mark for any of the summative assessments, they may resubmit or retake the assessment on one further occasion as set out in the course handbook.'~~

18. Amend citation reference 1.36-1.43 as follows:

~~'The following courses are required to be taken. Details can be found in the course handbook:~~

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| 1. Major policy challenge introduction 2. Core I Foundations 3. Core II Economics 4. Core III The Politics of Policymaking 5. Core IV Science and Public Policy 6. Core V Law and Public Policy 7. Core VI Policy Evaluation <u>Economics</u> <u>Evidence and Public Policy</u> <u>Foundations</u> <u>Law and Public Policy</u> <u>Policy Challenge I</u> <u>Policy Challenge II</u> <u>The Politics of Policymaking'</u> |
| Explanatory Notes Changes to simplify and reduce length of regulations. Renaming of core courses. |