

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 03/06/16 and by Education Committee on 17/06/16

Title of Programme

MSc Modern South Asian Studies

Brief note about nature of change: introduction of new programme

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016*

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For first examination from 2017-18

Detail of change

Insert new text as follows:

'Master of Science by Coursework in Modern South Asian Studies

1. The course shall be under the supervision of the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee. The Course Director(s) will, where possible, rotate between members of the Faculty of Oriental Studies and the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies.
2. Each candidate will be required to follow a course of instruction in Modern South Asian Studies for three terms. Candidates may specialise in Contemporary India by selecting combinations of courses and options as set out in the Course Handbook.
3. Candidates will complete the core course in Modern South Asian Studies. The course will be assessed by two take-home 5,000 word maximum essays. The first essay will be issued on Friday of Week 8 of Michaelmas Term and should be submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 1 of Hilary Term, and the second essay will be issued

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Research Methods

4. All candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum 'What is South Asia?' essay by 12 noon on Monday of Week 5 of Michaelmas Term, and a 2,500 word maximum individual research proposal by 12 noon Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.

In addition, candidates will complete one of the following three courses in Research Methods:

(i) Research Methods for Area Studies: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a take-home test in quantitative analysis to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.

(ii) Qualitative and Historical Methods: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a 2,500 word take-home essay on Historical Methods to be set by Friday of Week 4 of Hilary Term and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.

(iii) Qualitative Methods, Literature and Language: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a 2,500 word take-home essay on Literature and Language to be set by Friday of Week 4 of Hilary Term and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.

5. Candidates will choose three option papers from a list approved by the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee each of which will be assessed by one three-hour written examination in Trinity Term. This list will be published by the Course Director(s) in the Course Handbook at the beginning of each academic year. The availability of options in any one year will depend on teaching resources and the level of student interest. Students should select three of these papers in consultation with their supervisor. Native speakers or advanced learners may substitute one option paper with an advanced language option as described for the final year examination of the MPhil in Modern South Asian Studies. With special permission of the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee, candidates may choose papers offered by other relevant Master's degrees in the University, subject also to permission by the relevant Graduate Studies Committee. Candidates will take the standard assessment for such options.

6. Candidates will complete a 12,000 word thesis (including all notes and references but excluding the bibliography). The title of the thesis must be approved by the Course Director(s) by 12 noon on Friday of Week 3 of Hilary Term in the academic year in which the examination is taken. The thesis must be submitted by 12 noon of the weekday on or nearest to 1 September in the year in which the examination is taken. The thesis must be accompanied by a statement that the thesis is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

7. Two printed copies of each of the items of written work detailed above and, in addition, an electronic copy in PDF format on a memory stick or CD, must be delivered to the Examination Schools, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the MSc in Modern South Asian Studies, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford at the times and days specified for each paper. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating it is the candidate's own work. Successful candidates may be required to deposit a hard copy of the thesis in the Bodleian Library.

8. Students wishing to transfer from the MSc in Modern South Asian Studies to the MPhil in Modern South Asian Studies (non-language track) must normally apply to the Course Director(s) by 12 noon of Monday of Week 4 of Hilary Term. Candidates will need the support of their supervisor(s), and must satisfy the Teaching Committee that they have good reasons for wishing to change and well thought-out plans for the second year of the MPhil including the thesis.

9. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

10. A candidate who fails any element of the research methods course will be permitted to re-submit a new submission for the failed piece(s) of work within four weeks of publication of the failed mark, on a date specified by the Chair of Examiners. A candidate who fails either of the core course essays will be permitted to re-submit the essay(s) on one further occasion, normally at the beginning of the September following the term in which the written papers are first taken. If a candidate fails any of the written papers or the thesis, they may re-sit/resubmit one further time on the next occasion when examined.

Oxford 1+1 MBA programme

Candidates registered on the Oxford 1+1 MBA programme will follow an additional two or three month bridging programme at the end of their third term of the combined programme.

Each candidate will be appointed an academic advisor from the Saïd Business School to plan an individual course of study which will include as a minimum, the following three compulsory elements:

(i) Attendance of one of the summer elective programmes offered for the Master of Business Administration to be published by the MBA Director before the first Monday of the preceding term. Candidates would be required to undertake all assessments and receive feedback, but would not obtain credit towards the MBA. Candidates are not permitted to subsequently undertake the same elective as part of the MBA programme the following year.

(ii) A formatively assessed assignment of no more than 5,000 words (including all prefatory matter and appendices) supervised by the Saïd Business School academic advisor, which will relate the Master's degree learning to an appropriate area of the MBA programme. Candidates would also be required to present a work plan related to this assignment to the 1+1 programme class.

(iii) Attendance of the MBA pre-course as described in the joining instructions for the MBA class, unless granted exemption by the MBA Committee on the grounds of prior formal study or work experience.'

Explanatory Notes

Introduction of new programme to replace MSc Contemporary India