

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

SSD/2/2/4

Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair's Action on 04/07/17

Title of Programme

MSc Social Science of the Internet (Part-time)

Brief note about nature of change: change to allow flexibility in exam schedule

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosbcissoti-p-time/studentview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For first examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

1. Amend citation reference 1.2 as follows (new text underlined):

'2. The examination will be in eleven parts, normally split over two years as follows:'

2. Amend citation reference 1.5 as follows (deleted text struck through):

'Parts 3-4: Two methods option modules, to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Students will normally select one module from the first four-week period and one module from the second four-week period of the list. ~~Students wishing to take more than two options during a single year must first seek permission from the Director of Graduate Studies.~~ Not all methods options may be available every year. The methods option papers will be assessed by arrangements which are specified in the reading lists for each module, details and arrangements for submission of which shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.'

3. Amend citation reference 1.13 as follows (deleted text struck through):

'Parts 5-6: Two further methods option modules, to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Students will normally select one module from the first four-week period and one module from the second four-week period of the list. ~~Students wishing to take more than two options during a single year must first seek permission from the Director of Graduate Studies.~~ Not all methods options may be available every year. The methods option papers will be assessed by arrangements which are specified in the reading lists for each module, details and arrangements for submission of which shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.'

4. After 1.18 insert as follows (new text underlined):

'3. Prerequisite conditions for papers will be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term and must be obeyed at all times.

4. Under exceptional circumstances, with permission from the Director of Graduate Studies, students may elect to delay until the second year an examination that would normally take place during the first year, or may elect to sit during the first year an examination that would normally take place during the second year (provided the student is able to meet all prerequisites for the paper). No changes to the normal examination sequence will be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies that would result in more than 70% of the non-thesis marks being examined in a single year.'

5. Amend citation reference 1.19 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'35. All written assignments must be uploaded to the course WebLearn site by the times and dates specified at the start of the course. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work.'

6. Amend citation reference 1.20 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'46. The examiners may examine any candidate viva voce.'

7. Amend citation reference 1.21 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'57. The examiners may award a Distinction for excellence in the whole examination on the basis of the material submitted to them.'

Explanatory Notes

Changes to allow for flexibility in the examination schedule.