

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

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

Title of Programme

Research Degrees in Politics and International Relations

Brief note about nature of change: amendment to assessment deadline

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/rdipandinterela/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

Detail of change

1. Amend citation reference 1.6 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'2. Applications for transfer from Probationer Research Student status to D.Phil. or M.Litt. status must be submitted in accordance with the requirements in the relevant Student Handbook. Applicants in their fourth and final term of Probationer Status must submit their completed application including all written work not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday of sixth week of that term, except in Trinity Term when the accompanying written work must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on ~~the last Friday in August~~ 15 September. Students unable to meet these deadlines may apply for up to two terms of deferral of transfer of status. In addition to satisfying the above requirements (i) and (ii), the transfer of status application must include two copies of an outline of the proposed research topic and two copies of the written work-all as specified in the relevant Student Handbook. The relevant Graduate Studies Committee will appoint two assessors. Upon receiving the report of the assessors, the GCS will then decide whether to approve the transfer. In the case of applications to transfer to DPhil status where the committee does not so approve, it may authorise an extension of one term in order to allow the candidate to resubmit.'

2. Amend citation reference 1.7 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'3. Applications for confirmation of D.Phil. status must be submitted in accordance with the requirements in the relevant Student handbook. Applicants in their ninth term must submit their completed application including all written work not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday of sixth week of that term, except in trinity when the accompanying written work must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on ~~the last Friday in August~~ 15 September. Students unable to meet these deadlines may apply for up to three terms of deferral of confirmation of D.Phil. status. The confirmation of status application must include two copies of the written work - all as specified in the relevant Student Handbook. The relevant Graduate Studies Committee will appoint two assesssors. Upon receiving the report of the assessors, the GSC will then decide whether to approve confirmation of D.Phil. status. In the case of applications to confirm D.Phil. status where the committee does not so approve, it may authorise an extension of one term in order to allow the candidate to resubmit.'

3. Amend citation reference 1.8 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'4. Students admitted directly to D.Phil. status having completed an Oxford M.Phil. and whose M.Phil. thesis was in the same broad field as the D.Phil. research proposal must confirm D.Phil. status within ten terms as a graduate student, inclusive of time spent on the M.Phil. Applications for confirmation of D.Phil. status must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Student Handbook. Applicants in their tenth term must submit the completed application including all written work not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday of the sixth week of that term, except in Trinity Term when the accompanying written work must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on ~~the last Friday in August~~ 15 September. Students unable to meet these deadlines may apply for up to two terms of deferral of confirmation of D.Phil. status. The confirmation of status application must include two copies of the written work - all as specified in the relevant Student Handbook. The relevant Graduate Studies Committee will appoint two ~~assassors~~ assessors. Upon receiving the report of the assessors, the GSC will then decide whether to approve confirmation of D.Phil. status. In the case of applications to confirm D.Phil. status where the committee does not approve, it may authorise an extension of time in order to allow the candidate to resubmit.'

Explanatory Notes

Change to deadline for submission of work for Transfer and Confirmation from the last Friday in August to 15 September.