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

Social Sciences Board

Approved by TAC 3rd May 2011

Title of programme
Final Honour School of Human Sciences

Brief note about nature of change: Amendments to bring the regulations in line with the amended syllabus of three of the five core papers

Effective date
From 1 October 2011 (with immediate effect)

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2011

Detail of change

1. P. 285, ll.8-9, delete “Evolution of human behaviour and culture, including an evaluation of the relative role ‘nature’ and ‘nurture’.”.

2. P. 285, ll.15-16, after “Genetic basis of common complex diseases.” insert “Human behaviour, cognition and cultural transmission in the context of six million years of physiological evolution and ecological change.”.

3. P. 285, delete ll. 18-27, and substitute:

“Human ecology of disease, emphasising diseases that significantly contribute to the global burden of mortality and cultural change. Diet and nutrition anthropology of human societies. Socio-cultural systems in their environmental context, including philosophical and religious values, differences in ecological perception, and the development of viable conservation strategies, including the impact of humans on [continues]
other species, the biosphere and climate. Ecology of human reproduction, including cultural differences in reproductive strategies.”.

**Explanatory Notes**

In 2009-10 the Institute of Human Sciences undertook an internal teaching review as a consequence of which some changes were made to the syllabus of three of the five core papers. In particular it was decided to concentrate the teaching of evolution into Paper 2 on Human Genetics and Evolution. Thus lectures on Evolution of Human Behaviour and Culture were moved from Paper 1 (Behaviour and its Evolution: Animal and Human) to Paper 2 (Human Genetics and Evolution) and the lectures on Evolutionary Ecology of humans and paleoecology were moved from Paper 3 (Human Ecology) to Paper 2 (Human Genetics and Evolution). Biological Conservation was also added to the Human Ecology paper.

The changes in the syllabus have been taught for the first time in 2010-11 and will be examined in the 2012 Final Honour School. The following changes of regulation are to update the paper descriptions to reflect the amended syllabus. The first change removes the reference to the evolution of human behaviour and culture from Paper 1 as this is now taught under Paper 2. The second change reflects the incorporation of human evolution lectures from Papers 1 and 3 into Paper 2. The third change reflects the removal of evolutionary ecology from Paper 3 as this is now taught in Paper 2 and the incorporation of biological conservation into Paper 3.

The regulation changes were submitted after the Grey Book publication deadlines in the 2010-11 academic year, and were approved by the Teaching Audit Committee on 3rd May 2011. Due to an oversight, the changes were not subsequently submitted to the gazette for publication.