

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of Quality Assurance Committee (29/04/2019) and by Education Committee

Master of Science by Coursework in Applied Linguistics for Language Teaching (Part-time)

Brief note about nature of change:

1. Amendment to matriculation date

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2019*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2019-20/mosbcialflangteac-p-t/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2020

For first examination from 2021-22

Detail of change

Amend regulations as follows:

1. ~~All candidates will initially be admitted for the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics for Language Teaching.~~ Candidates for the M.Sc. in Applied Linguistics for Language Teaching shall normally have successfully obtained an honours degree. They shall normally be engaged as teachers of a second or foreign language at the time of application, and shall expect to continue this engagement during the course.
2. Every candidate must follow a part-time course of instruction in Applied Linguistics for Language Teaching as determined by the Course Director. All candidates on the course are required to complete six summatively assessed taught modules, and two formatively

assessed modules, or, in exceptional cases and as determined by the Course Director, to give evidence of equivalent learning for one of these two formatively assessed modules. Candidates must also submit a dissertation.

3. Candidates shall be deemed to have passed the examination if they pass all six assessed modules and pass the dissertation.

4. In each of the two years of this part-time course, an electronic copy of each take-home examination for the two Michaelmas Term modules must be uploaded to the Department of Education's Higher Degrees WebLearn site, no later than noon on the Friday of Week 0 of Hilary Term, and an electronic copy of the take-home examination for the Hilary Term module must be uploaded to the same place no later than noon on the Friday of Week 0 of Trinity Term. Each take-home examination must be accompanied by a declaration indicating it is the candidate's own work. Marks will be released to candidates during Hilary Term and Trinity Term of each year after a meeting of the Examination Board. ~~To transfer successfully from the Postgraduate Diploma to the M.Sc., candidates must have passed the first three assessed modules (usually completed in Year 1).~~

5. Candidates who successfully complete the two formatively assessed modules and the six summatively assessed taught modules and who choose not to continue with their programme of study may be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics for Language Teaching.

65. Candidates are required to submit a dissertation of between 15,000 and 20,000 words (including footnotes/endnotes but excluding appendices and references or bibliography) on a subject selected by the candidate in consultation with their supervisor, which must be closely related to one or more of the themes of the course. The subject and title selected by the candidate must be approved by the Course Director at a time to be announced at the beginning of the academic year in which the dissertation is submitted.

76. An electronic copy of the dissertation must be uploaded to the Department of Education's Higher Degrees WebLearn site not later than noon on the second Friday of August of the year in which the final Module examination has been taken. This copy should be anonymous except for the candidate number. The dissertation must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work. Candidates will also be required to submit a hardbound copy of the dissertation to the Department of Education no later than one week after submission of the electronic copy. The hard bound copy of the dissertation of each candidate who passes the examination shall be retained by the department for

deposit in the departmental library.

87. If a candidate receives a failing mark for any of the summative assessments, they may resubmit the assessment on one further occasion, either by a date for resubmission which will be published by the Course Director when the results are released, and will be no sooner than 6 weeks from the release of the results, or in the corresponding term of the following year when assessments take place. If a candidate fails the dissertation, they may resubmit the dissertation one further time on the next occasion when this is examined. Candidates who fail any modules or the dissertation at the first attempt cannot normally be awarded more than 50 at resubmission.

98. If a failing mark is received on the dissertation, either at the time of the original submission or upon re-sit and a passing mark has been received for 6 assessed modules, the student may apply to exit the programme with a Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics for Language Teaching.

109. The candidate may also be examined orally. The oral examination will normally be on the candidate's dissertation.

Explanatory Notes

Currently students are first admitted to a non-matriculated PGDip in Applied Linguistics for Language Teaching (ALLT) and then matriculate for the final year only. A structural change to the programme is made so that students matriculate at the beginning of their programme, admitted directly for the MSc in ALLT. The structural changes have no impact on the teaching and assessment for the programme, but allow for greater skills development as students can be placed with their MSc supervisor earlier, and commence dissertation preparatory work sooner.

See separate notice in this edition of the *Gazette* for the discontinuation of the regulations for the 'Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics for Language Teaching'.