

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 Teacher Education (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/mosbcite-p-time/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2020

For first examination from 2021-22

Detail of change

~~1. All candidates will be initially admitted for the Postgraduate Diploma in Teacher Education.~~

~~12.~~ Every candidate must follow for six terms a part-time course of instruction in Teacher Education, approved by the Academic Committee of the Department of Education. All candidates on the course will be required to complete three summatively assessed units of study, two formatively assessed residential units and a research and development dissertation.

~~23.~~ The M.Sc. in Teacher Education shall be examined by means of three assignments relating to the content of each of the three units and a research and development dissertation. Assignments one and two must be between 4,000 and 5,000 words in length, and assignment three must be a maximum of 10,000 words in length. All word counts

include tables, charts and diagrams and assignments must be written in accordance with guidance given in the unit. Assignments one and two must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Higher Degrees WebLearn site by no later than noon on Monday of Week 1 of Hilary and Trinity terms respectively. Assignment three must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Higher Degrees WebLearn site by no later than noon on the third Friday in September in the candidate's first year of the course.

34. The deadline for resubmission of assignments one and two will be noon on the Monday falling 8 weeks after the initial submission date, following the term in which the unit is taken. The deadline for resubmission of assignment three will be noon on Monday of week 1 of Hilary term in the candidate's second year of the course.

4. Candidates who successfully complete the first formatively assessed residential unit and the three summatively assessed units of study and who choose not to continue with their programme of study may be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Teacher Education.

~~5. To transfer successfully from the Postgraduate Diploma to the M.Sc. candidates must have passed assignments one and two in the first year.~~

56. The research and development dissertation will present a systematic account of a substantial practitioner research enquiry, focused on the design and implementation of a specific innovation in teacher education with a strong emphasis on the choice of appropriate criteria, and relevant evidence for evaluating its impact. The dissertation must be between 15,000 and 20,000 words in length. The dissertation must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Higher Degrees WebLearn site by no later than noon on the third Friday in September in the candidate's second year on the course. One printed copy of the dissertation must also be provided hard bound bearing the name of the candidate, and proof of posting by the submission date must be scanned and sent to the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc. Teacher Education, c/o Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens, Oxford, OX2 6PY. The hard bound copy of the research and development project report of each candidate who passes the examination will be retained by OUDE for deposit in the departmental library.

67. Candidates may also be examined orally on their final research and development dissertation before the Michaelmas term Examination Board meeting. All candidates will be informed of the date at the start of the second year, as they will be required to attend Oxford in person.

78. If the dissertation is awarded a failing mark, the candidate may resubmit the dissertation one further time on the next occasion when it is examined. If having passed the **three** ~~four~~ assessments a failing mark is received for the dissertation, either at the time of the original submission (and the candidate does not wish to re-sit) or after re-submission, students may apply to exit the programme with a Postgraduate Diploma.

Explanatory Notes

Currently students are first admitted to a non-matriculated PGDip in Teacher Education 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 Teacher Education. 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 Teacher Education'.