

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

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Social Sciences Board

Approved at the meeting of Teaching Audit Committee on 25/04/16

Title of Programme

Master of Public Policy

Brief note about nature of change: change to Applied Policy modules and to requirements for the Summer Project

Effective date

For students starting from MT2016

For first examination from 2016-17

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* [year of print version] [include reference to any relevant *Gazette* by stating 'as amended by *Gazette* of date' etc]

Detail of change

Master of Public Policy

Special Regulations

1. Candidates must follow for at least three terms a course of instruction in Public Policy.

Candidates must complete:

- (a) all courses from the Schedule, and satisfy the examiners in the assignment and/or examination associated with each course;
- (b) four Applied Policy modules. Candidates must satisfy the examiners in the in-class assessment

associated with each course, the list of available modules to be published annually by the BSG Graduate Studies Committee before the first Monday of Michaelmas Term:

(~~cb~~) two electives. Candidates must satisfy the examiners in the assignment/examination/written report associated with each course, the list of electives to be published annually by the BSG Graduate Studies Committee before the first Monday of Hilary Term;

(~~de~~) an approved summer project. Candidates must submit a report based on a summer project approved by the BSG Graduate Studies Committee. Reports submitted on projects which have not been approved will deem the candidate ineligible to enter the report for examination and result in the assessment being failed. Candidates must satisfy the examiners in the written report associated with the summer project;

(~~ed~~) candidates may be required to attend an oral examination on any of the above.

2. Assignments and written reports on projects must be presented not later than the time and date stipulated for each exercise; these will be published by the BSG Graduate Studies Committee before the first Monday of each term in which the assignment or project must be undertaken. The required number of copies must be delivered to the Examination Schools, and addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the Master of Public Policy, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford.

3. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination to candidates for the Degree.

4. In exceptional circumstances, a candidate wishing to take an examination later than the one to which he or she has been admitted may do so by application to the Chair of Examiners, via his or her College Senior Tutor or Tutor for Graduates.

5. If a candidate receives a failing mark for any of the summative assessments, they may resubmit or retake the assessment on one further occasion as set out in the course handbook.

SCHEDULE

The following courses are required to be taken. Details can be found in the course handbook:

1. Major policy challenge introduction

2. Core I Foundations

3. Core II Economics

4. Core III The Politics of Policymaking

5. Core IV Science and Public Policy

6. Core V Law and Public Policy

7. Core VI Policy Evaluation

~~8. Applied Policy I – Strategy and Communication~~

~~9. Applied Policy II – Public Budgeting and Private Finance~~

~~10. Applied Policy III – Major Programme Management~~

~~11. Applied Policy IV — Negotiation~~

Explanatory Notes

Change to allow students to choose 4 Applied Policy Modules from a choice of at least 6.
Change to require a certificate of approval for the Summer Project.

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