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

**Social Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by Chair’s Action on behalf of TAC on 28 September 2017**

**Title of Programme**
Research Degrees in the Oxford Internet Institute

**Brief note about nature of change**: changes to introduce integrated theses

**Location of change**
In *Examination Regulations 2017* [http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/rdtoxfointeinst/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/rdtoxfointeinst/)

**Effective date**
With immediate effect

**Detail of change**

1. Insert after citation 1.40 (new text underlined) as follows:

   **“7. Special provisions for Integrated Theses**

   Permission to submit an integrated thesis consisting of an introduction, literature survey, and conclusion and a combination of chapters including one or more published or publishable articles should be made with the support of the student's supervisor(s) to the Doctoral Director prior to applying for either Transfer of Status or Confirmation of Status. Such a body of work must address an overarching research question and represent a coherent and focused body of research. If the Doctoral Director approves the request, the final decision will be made by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Oxford Internet Institute based on the recommendation of the assessors for these milestones. Applications to submit an integrated thesis will not be considered for students who have already passed Confirmation of Status.

   A thesis submitted under this rubric may include co-authored articles. In the case of co-authored articles, students must submit to the Graduate Studies Committee a description of their contribution to the article and demonstrate that their work represents the majority contribution.
Students who wish to change back to a conventional thesis format are required to make this request in writing to the Graduate Studies Committee prior to applying for their next assessment milestone or final thesis submission.

The standard word limit regulations apply for integrated theses.

Further guidance can be found in the DPhil handbook."

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