

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

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Social Sciences Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of the Teaching Audit Committee on 30/09/16

Title of Programme

MPhil Comparative Social Policy

Brief note about nature of change: minor amendment to content of paper

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2016

For first examination from 2016-17 (Qualifying Examination)

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2015

Detail of change

Compulsory Papers

Methods of Social Research

(a) A course of practical work in (i) basic principles of statistical inference, and statistical models for the analysis of quantitative social science data, [and](#) (ii) the rationale and techniques of qualitative research appropriate to social policy and related social enquiry, [and \(iii\) methods of data collection including research design, interviewing and coding.](#)

Such practical course work in social research methods shall be assessed by a series of assignments set during the first two terms of the course. These shall be listed in the Course Handbook and submission dates set for each assignment. Each of the two

quantitative assignments will be of a maximum length of 2,500 words. The qualitative assignment will be of a maximum length of 3,000 words. These shall be marked during the course. In the event of any candidate not reaching the pass mark set for either the qualitative or quantitative components, one further attempt shall be permitted within the same examination year, though in the event of a successful resubmission only the bare pass mark shall be awarded. The combined set of completed assignments forms the practical research methods workbook. Candidates shall submit this workbook via the WebLearn site by noon on Friday of the sixth week of the third term of the course, accompanied by a statement that it is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated. The practical workbooks shall be available for inspection by the examiners.

Explanatory Notes

Minor amendment to content of 'Methods of Social Research' paper.

Vested interests:

The course information available to applicants did not specify the contents of the paper, so there is no issue over students expecting content the content being amended.