

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of SSD Quality Assurance Committee on 22/01/2019 and by Chair's Action on behalf of Humanities GSC on 31/01/2019

Master of Science by Coursework in Contemporary Chinese Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Amendment to the assessment of the 'Research Methods for Area Studies' core course. Amendment to remove reference to award of a Distinction as covered by General Regulation.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2018*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/mosbcicontchinstud/studentview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2019

For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.5 as follows:

~~'5. Candidates will complete a course in Research Methods for Area Studies: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data not later than 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Michaelmas Term and; a take-home test in quantitative analysis to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Hilary Term; and a 2,500 word maximum individual research proposal not later than 12 noon Monday of week 9 of Hilary Term.'~~

2. Delete citation 1.9:

~~9. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.~~

3. Amend citation 1.10 as follows:

~~'409. Candidates who fail Research Methods for Area Studies overall will be permitted to~~

resubmit a new submission for the failed piece(s) of work within four weeks of publication of the failed mark(s)'

Explanatory Notes

An amendment to the assessment of the Research Methods for Area Studies core course. The course is currently assessed by a quantitative take-home test, a qualitative take-home test and a research proposal. This change will make the research proposal a formative assignment, and reduce the number of summatively assessed units.

Amendment to remove reference to award of a Distinction as covered by General Regulations.