

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

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### Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by TAC on 18/11/16

#### Title of Programme

Research Degrees in Economics, Social Policy and Intervention, Sociology, and International Development

**Brief note about nature of change:** removal of Economics regulations

#### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2017* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/rdie-spaisandintedeve/>

#### Effective date

**For students starting from MT 2018**

#### Detail of change

1. Amend title of regulations as follows:

'Research Degrees in ~~Economics~~, Social Policy and Intervention, Sociology, and International Development'

2. Remove citation reference 1.10-1.12 as follows:

*'Additional regulations for the Department of Economics*

~~Probationer Research Students in Economics are required to take a qualifying examination, unless exempted from all or part of the examination by the appropriate Graduate Studies Committee, on the grounds of an appropriate previous graduate degree or substantial professional experience since graduation. The examination consists of the equivalent of five second year papers in the M.Phil. examination, where one first year M.Phil. paper is the equivalent of two second year papers, taken at the times set for that examination in Trinity Term. A student who does not achieve the required mark on a paper is automatically granted a two term extension~~

~~to Probationer Research Student status and is allowed to resit that paper once in the following Trinity Term examination, unless a special dispensation is obtained from the Graduate Studies Committee.~~

~~Probationer Research Students are required to achieve a mark of 64 on each of the papers they sit in order to pass the Qualifying Examination. In exceptional circumstances the Graduate Studies Committee may exempt a student from having to pass the examination if he/she receives marks of 50 or above on each paper. All requests for exemption will require the strong support of the supervisor.'~~

3. Remove citation reference 1.27-1.29 as follows:

~~*'Additional regulations for the sub-faculty of Economics*~~

~~Those applying for confirmation of D.Phil. status in Economics shall present the preliminary results of their research at a departmental seminar or workshop as part of the confirmation process, under arrangements to be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies.~~

~~D.Phil. students coming from the M.Phil. in Economics must confirm status by the end of their eleventh term as a graduate student in Economics at the University of Oxford, inclusive of the time spent on the M.Phil.'~~

4. Remove citation reference 1.39-1.41 as follows:

~~*'Additional regulations for the sub-faculty of Economics*~~

~~Integrated thesis format~~

~~A DPhil thesis may be accepted for examination if it consists of a minimum of three papers of publishable quality, framed by an introduction, a literature survey (either written as a stand-alone chapter or divided among the constituent chapters), and a conclusion. Such a body of work shall be deemed acceptable provided it represents a coherent and focused body of work. A minimum of one paper must be authored solely by the candidate. Any co-authored papers must include a statement indicating the candidate's contribution to the paper. Where the co-author is another student at the University who also intends to include the paper in their thesis, permission to include the paper must be sought from the Director of Graduate Studies prior to applying for appointment of examiners. Current word limits and conditions remain in place.'~~

### **Explanatory Notes**

The introduction of the part-time variant of the DPhil in Economics provided an opportunity to separate out Economics into its' own set of regulations.