

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of Teaching Audit Committee

Master of Science by Coursework in Teacher Education (Part-time)

Brief note about nature of change: Amendment to reduce the number of summatively assessed units from four to three; amendment to the submission and resubmission dates for assignments; removal of the final outcome rule for an award of Distinction; other minor structural changes.

Location of change

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

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2019

For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.2 as follows:

'2. Every candidate must follow for six terms a part-time course of instruction in Teacher Education, approved by the Academic Committee of the Department of Education. All candidates on the course will be required to complete ~~four~~ three summatively assessed units of study, two formatively assessed residential units and a research and development dissertation.'

2. Amend citation 1.3 as follows:

'3. The M.Sc. in Teacher Education shall be examined by means of ~~four~~ three assignments relating to the content of each of the ~~four~~ three units and a research and development dissertation. Assignments one and two must be between 4,000 and 5,000 words in length, and assignment three must be a maximum of 10,000 words in length. All word counts include tables, charts and diagrams and assignments must be written in accordance with

guidance given in the unit. Assignments one and two must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Higher Degrees WebLearn site by no later than noon on Monday of Week 1 of Hilary and Trinity terms respectively. Assignment three must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Higher Degrees WebLearn site by no later than noon on the third Friday in September in the candidate's first year of the course. Each assignment must be between 4,000 and 5,000 words in length, or their equivalent in tables, charts and diagrams in accordance with guidance given in the unit. One electronic copy (in a software format available in the department) must be submitted online to the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc. in Teacher Education, c/o Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens, Oxford, OX2 6PY who will provide the digital address. The deadline for the submission of assignments will be no later than noon on Monday of Week 1 of Hilary and Trinity terms.'

3. Insert a new citation after 1.3 and before 1.4:

'4. The deadline for resubmission of assignments one and two will be noon on the Monday falling 8 weeks after the initial submission date, following the term in which the unit is taken. The deadline for resubmission of assignment three will be noon on Monday of week 1 of Hilary term in the candidate's second year of the course.'

4. Insert a new citation after the above insertion and before 1.4:

'5. To transfer successfully from the Postgraduate Diploma to the M.Sc. candidates must have passed assignments one and two in the first year.'

5. Amend citation 1.4 as follows:

~~4. 6.~~ The research and development dissertation will present a systematic account of a substantial practitioner research enquiry, focused on the design and implementation of a specific innovation in teacher education with a strong emphasis on the choice of appropriate criteria, and relevant evidence for evaluating its impact. The dissertation must be between 15,000 and 20,000 words in length. The dissertation must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Higher Degrees WebLearn site by no later than noon on the third Friday in September in the candidate's second year on the course. One printed copy of the dissertation must also be provided hard bound bearing the name of the candidate, and proof of posting by the submission date must be scanned and sent to the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc. Teacher Education, c/o Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens, Oxford, OX2 6PY..One electronic copy (in a software format available in the department) must be submitted to the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc. in Teacher Education, c/o Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens, Oxford, OX2 6PY who will provide a digital address, no later than noon on the third Friday in September in the candidate's second year on the course. One printed copy of the report must also be provided hard bound bearing the name of the candidate, and proof of posting by the submission date must be scanned and sent to the Chair of Examiners. The hard bound copy of the research and development project report of each candidate who passes the examination will be retained by OUDE for deposit in the departmental library.

6. Delete citation 1.5:

~~5. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in an assignment or in the research and~~

~~development dissertation will be permitted to resubmit on one occasion only. The deadline for resubmission of unit assessments will be noon on the Monday falling 14 weeks after the initial submission date, following the term in which the unit is taken. To transfer successfully from the Postgraduate Diploma to the M.Sc. candidates must have passed both assessment units in the first year.~~

7. Delete citation 1.6:

~~6. The award of Distinction within the M.Sc. in Teacher Education is normally reserved for those candidates who receive distinction marks for at least two of the four assignments, and over 60 for the other two, and also achieve distinction for the dissertation.~~

Explanatory Notes

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