

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

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**Social Sciences Board**

**Approved at the meeting of Teaching Audit Committee on 25/04/16, by the Divisional Board on 06/05/16 and by Education Committee on 23/05/16**

**Title of Programme**

MSc Education

**Brief note about nature of change:** rename programme strand

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2017**

**For first examination from 2017-18**

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* 2015

**Detail of change**

1. Candidates must follow for three terms a course of instruction in Education, specialising in one of the following pathways: Comparative and International Education, Higher Education, Learning and Technology, Child Development and Education, or Research ~~Training~~ Design and Methodology.
2. Candidates take a combination of six one term required pathway-specific core papers and option papers. Candidates will be informed of the available options, along with the assessment requirement, by Friday of noughth week of Michaelmas Term in the year in which the examination is taken. On some pathways, students are also required to successfully complete a research internship.
3. Exceptionally, candidates may offer one paper from a relevant masters degree in another department in the University, in place of one option paper, subject to permission from the relevant pathway convenor and the Course Director. Applications to take such a paper must normally be made

by Friday of the fifth week of Michaelmas Term.

4. Papers are normally assessed by one or more coursework assignments totalling no more than 3,000 words (inclusive of footnotes but excluding bibliography and appendices). All such assignments must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Higher Degrees Weblearn site by the times and dates specified at the start of the course. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work. Exceptionally, candidates are assessed by unseen examination.

5. Candidates are also required to submit a dissertation of 15,000–20,000 words (including footnotes/endnotes but excluding appendices and references or bibliography), the title to be selected in consultation with the supervisor, on a topic relevant to the pathway being followed. The subject and title selected by the candidate must be approved by the Course Director at a time to be announced at the beginning of the academic year in which the examination is taken.

6. Two soft bound, word-processed or printed copies of the dissertation must be delivered to the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc. Education, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than noon on the second Friday in August in the year in which the written examination is taken. These copies should be anonymous except for the candidate number, and accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work. Candidates are also required to upload an electronic copy of the dissertation by noon on the same day and to submit a hardbound copy of the work to the Department of Education no later than one week after submission of the soft bound copies. The hard bound copy of the dissertation of each candidate who passes the examination shall be retained by the department for deposit in the departmental library.

7. If a candidate receives a failing mark for any of the summative assessments, they may resubmit the assessment on one further occasion, either by a date for resubmission which will be published by the Course Director when the results are released, and will be no sooner than 6 weeks from the release of the results, or when the assessment is next examined the following year. If a candidate fails the dissertation, they may resubmit the dissertation one further time on the next occasion when this is examined. Candidates who fail any of the core or option papers at the first attempt cannot normally be awarded more than 50 at resubmission.

8. Candidates may also be required to attend an oral examination. The oral examination will normally be on the candidate's dissertation.

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

## **Explanatory Notes**

Renaming of one strand of the programme