

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

SSD/2/2/4

Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of TAC on 7 December 2017

Title of Programme

MSc Global Governance and Diplomacy

Brief note about nature of change: changes to create a single combined foundation paper and to remove reference to the award of a distinction.

Location of change

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

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018

For first examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.2 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'(i) ~~One of two~~ A foundation papers paper in Global Governance and Diplomacy. ~~from the following list as detailed in the Schedule:~~'

2. Delete citation 1.3:

'~~(a) Global Governance~~'

3. Delete citation 1.4:

'~~(b) International Diplomacy~~'

4. Amend citation 1.5 as follows (deleted text struck through):

'(ii) A mandatory paper in Research Methods ~~as detailed in the Schedule.~~'

5. Delete citation 1.10:

~~'4. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.'~~

6. Amend citation 1.11 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'(a) Global Governance and Diplomacy:

(1) the sources, mechanisms, processes and practices of global governance at the subnational, national, international, and transnational levels: at the subnational, national, and transnational levels, the focus is on globalisation; at the international, transnational and supranational levels, the focus is on regional integration; at the level of inter-state governance, the focus is on international organisations, international regimes, and multilateralism.

(2) substantive knowledge and theoretical background concerning institutions and processes of international diplomacy, including key themes of diplomatic thought, paradigms of international negotiation, ethical boundaries of diplomatic engagement, and transformative implications of digital technologies.

7. Delete citation 1.12:

~~*'(b) International Diplomacy: substantive knowledge and theoretical background concerning the institutions and processes of international diplomacy. The course reviews important themes of diplomatic thought and discusses their relevance for the current practice of diplomacy; examines the legal, organisational, communicational and cognitive underpinnings of diplomatic practice; studies processes and mechanisms of international negotiation, mediation, and public diplomacy; and focuses on how diplomacy is conducted in international and regional bodies;'*~~

8. Amend citation 1.13 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

~~*'(e)-(b) Research Methods:*~~ common research methods in the social sciences including but not limited to the topics of concept formation, causal analysis, single and comparative case study methods, case selection, qualitative interviewing, historical and ethnographic methods, genealogy, and statistical approaches and instruments.'

Explanatory Notes

1. Change to merge the two foundation papers into a single combined paper.
2. Removal of reference to award of a distinction due to the introduction of merit awards from 2018-19.