

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

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Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Brief note about nature of change: introduction of part-time variant of programme

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosbcicandcrimjust/studentview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For first examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.1 as follows (new text underlined):

‘1. Every candidate must follow, for at least three terms (or six in the case of part-time students), a course of instruction in Criminology and Criminal Justice.’

2. Amend citation 1.3 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

‘3. The course will consist of ~~four~~ the following elements: core courses in Explanation and Understanding in Criminology (~~Michaelmas Term~~) and Understanding Criminal Justice (~~Hilary Term~~); the a course in Research Design and Data Collection (~~Michaelmas Term~~); five options courses; and a 12,000-15,000 word dissertation on a topic agreed by the Board of Studies submitted in the final term. ~~The core course will run for eight weeks throughout the first two terms (Michaelmas and Hilary). The Research Design and Data Collection course runs for eight weeks in the first term (Michaelmas). Options will run for eight weeks in both Michaelmas and Hilary terms. Candidates will be required to choose two options in~~

~~Michaelmas Term and three in Hilary Term. In Trinity Term students submit a dissertation 12,000-15,000 words long on a topic to be agreed by the Board of Studies. The required format for theis dissertation is the common format prescribed for all law theses, which is printed in the Faculty of Law's Graduate Students' Handbook.'~~

3. Amend citation reference 1.5 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

~~'5.~~ Not all options will necessarily be taught or examined in any one year. Details of those which are will be available over a two-year period will be published in the Graduate Student Handbook produced by the Centre for Criminology for the year of admission the examination, subject to any amendment posted on the designated notice board in the Centre for Criminology by Monday of Week Minus One of the Michaelmas Term of each academic year ~~before the examination is held.'~~

4. Amend citation reference 1.6 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

~~'65.~~ In addition to the options set out in the Schedule, candidates may offer any other option that may be approved from time to time by regulation published in the *Gazette* by the end of Monday of Week Minus One of the Michaelmas Term of each academic year ~~before the examination is held.'~~

5. Amend citation reference 1.7 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

~~'76.~~ The course shall be assessed as follows:'

6. Amend citation reference 1.8 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

~~'(i) Core Course Explanation and Understanding in Criminology. There shall be Examined by a 2 two hour examinations for the core course, the first to be taken in Week Nought of Hilary Term (in the first year for part-time students), and the second to be taken in Week Nought of Trinity Term.~~

(ii) *Understanding Criminal Justice*: Examined by a 2 hour examination to be taken in Week Nought of Trinity Term (in the first or second year for part-time students).'

7. Amend citation reference 1.9 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

~~'(ii) Options and Research Design and Data Collection: Courses other than Research Design and Data Collection, Quantitative Analysis for Social Scientists, and Qualitative Methods shall be examined by means of an assessed essay of no less than 3,500 and no more than 4,500 words (inclusive of footnotes, but excluding bibliography and appendices), for which time will be set aside during Weeks 8, 9 and 10 of Michaelmas and Hilary terms. A selection of three titles (as determined by the Board of Examiners), shall be posted on the designated noticeboard at the Centre for Criminology by noon on Thursday of Week Seven of the relevant term. The essay shall be submitted by noon on Wednesday of Week Ten of the relevant term. On submitting the essay, candidates will also be required to~~

~~submit an online declaration of authorship. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to submit the essay.'~~

8. Amend citation reference 1.10 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'Research Design and Data Collection, Quantitative Analysis for Social Scientists, and Qualitative Methods shall be examined by an assessed essay of 2,500 to 3,000 words (inclusive of footnotes, but excluding bibliography and appendices), to be written between Thursday of Week Seven and Wednesday of Week Ten of the term in which the course runs. A choice from three titles (as determined by the Board of Examiners) will be posted on the designated noticeboard at the Centre for Criminology by noon on Thursday of Week Seven of the relevant term. The essay shall be submitted electronically by noon on Wednesday of Week 10 of the relevant term. On submitting the essay, candidates will also be required to submit an online declaration. In addition, candidates taking Quantitative Analysis for Social Scientists and/or Qualitative Methods shall be required to complete to the satisfaction of the Course Tutor for the option a form of continuous assessment, which will be approved by the Board of Studies and the details of which will be published in the Graduate Student Handbook for the relevant year.'

All other courses shall be examined by means of an assessed essay of no less than 3,500 and no more than 4,500 words (inclusive of footnotes, but excluding bibliography and appendices), for which time will be set aside during Weeks 8, 9 and 10 of Michaelmas and Hilary terms. A selection of three titles (as determined by the Board of Examiners) shall be posted on the designated notice board at the Centre for Criminology by noon on Thursday of Week 7 of the relevant term. Each essay shall be submitted by noon on Wednesday of Week 10 of the relevant term. On submitting each essay, candidates will also be required to submit an online declaration of authorship. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to submit the essay.'

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

'(iii) *Dissertation*: The dissertation shall be submitted electronically by noon on Wednesday of Week Ten of ~~Trinity T~~ the final term. On submitting the dissertation, candidates will also be required to submit an online declaration of authorship. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to submit the dissertation.'

10. Amend citation reference 1.12 as follows (deleted text struck through):

~~'8. The degree of M.Sc. shall be awarded to any candidate who achieves a mark of at least 50 per cent for (a) the five options and the Research Design and Data Collection course, (b) the core course paper, and (c) the dissertation, as well as satisfactory completion of the continuous assessment element of the Quantitative Analysis for Social Scientists and/or Qualitative Methods.'~~

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

~~'98.~~ The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.'

12. Amend citation reference 1.14 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

~~‘409.~~ Arrangements for reassessment shall be as follows:’

13. Amend citation reference 1.15 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

‘(i) Core Courses: Candidates who fail, or withdraw from, either core course examination may resit the examination according to the standard timetable for examinations in the following academic year. ~~Such candidates who have completed successfully either or both of (a) the options and Research Design and Data Collection (i.e. have obtained an aggregate mark of 50 per cent or more) and (b) the dissertation, may carry forward the marks gained for the successfully completed components. Candidates may also carry forward their certificate of satisfactory completion of the continuous assessment element of Research Design and Data Collection, and, where relevant, those of Quantitative Analysis for Social Scientists and/or Qualitative Methods.~~’

14. Amend citation reference 1.16 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

‘(ii) Options and Research Design and Data Collection: Candidates who have failed to obtain an aggregate mark of 50 per cent for assessment for the ~~options~~ optional courses or Research Design and Data Collection, or who have withdrawn from any assessment, may resubmit assessments for which they obtained a mark of 49 per cent or less. Candidates may resubmit assessed essays in which they have obtained a mark of 49 per cent or less according to the standard timetable for submitting essays in the following academic year. Essays must be submitted electronically, and on submitting the essay, candidates will also be required to submit an online declaration of authorship. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to submit the essay. ~~Such candidates who have completed successfully (a) the core course examination, (b) the dissertation, and (c) any assessment for which they have received a mark of 50 per cent or more, may carry forward the marks gained for the successfully completed components. Candidates may also carry forward their certificate of satisfactory completion of the continuous assessment element of where relevant, that of Quantitative Analysis for Social Scientists and/or Qualitative Methods.~~’

15. Amend citation reference 1.17 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

‘(iii) Continuous assessment element of Research Design and Data Collection, Quantitative Analysis for Social Scientists and Qualitative Methods:’

16. Amend citation reference 1.18 as follows (deleted text struck through):

‘(iv) Dissertation: Candidates who fail, or withdraw from, the dissertation may resubmit the dissertation by the required date in Trinity Term of the following academic year. ~~Such candidates who have completed successfully (a) the core course and/or (b) the options may carry forward the marks gained for the successfully completed components. Candidates may also carry forward their certificate of satisfactory completion of the continuous assessment element of Quantitative Analysis for Social Scientists and/or~~

~~Qualitative Methods.~~

17. Amend citation 1.33 as follows (new text underlined):

'Quantitative Analysis for Social Scientists'

18. Amend citation 1.47 as follows (new text underlined):

'Oxford 1+1 MBA programme (Full-time students only)'

Explanatory Notes

Introduction of regulations for part-time variant of MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice programme.