

**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 on 25/04/16 and by Education Committee on 05/07/16**

**Title of Programme**

MSc Education

**Brief note about nature of change:** introduction of part-time variant of Research Design and Methodology pathway

**Location of change**

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

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2017**

**For first examination from 2017-18 for full-time students and 2018-19 for part-time students**

**Detail of change**

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

‘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 **[For students starting before MT 2017: Training] [For students starting from MT 2017: Design and Methodology]**. The Research Design and Methodology course may be undertaken on a part-time basis and must be followed for six terms over two years.’

2. Amend citation reference 1.2 as follows (new text underlined):

‘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. Part-time students take four papers in their first year, and two papers in their second year, alongside their dissertation.

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

'3. Exceptionally, candidates may offer one paper from a relevant ~~masters~~ Master's 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. Amend citation reference 1.4 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'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~~ WebLearn site by the times and dates specified at the start of the course. For part-time students, times and dates will be specified at the beginning of each year 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. Amend citation reference 1.5 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'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~~ dissertation is to be submitted.

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

'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. For part-time students, this will be during the second year of the course. 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.'

**Explanatory Notes**

Introduction of regulations for part-time variant of the Research Design and Methodology pathway of the programme.