

**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 27 February 2015**

**Title of Programme**

MPhil Geography and the Environment

**Brief note about nature of change:** minor text revision

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT2015**

**For first examination from 2015-16 (Qualifying Exam)**

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* 2014

**Detail of change**

**1. P479, I34 – P480, I19:**

1. The Social Sciences Board shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee. The Course Director will be responsible to the Standing Committee.

2. During the first year, candidates for the M.Phil will:

(a) follow a course of instruction for three terms under the aegis of the School of Geography and the Environment in one of the three M.Sc. programmes, either Nature, Society and Environmental ~~Policy~~[Governance](#), or Biodiversity, Conservation and Management, or Water Science. Policy and Management or Environmental Change and Management. They will be assessed in all aspects of the M.Sc. programme, with the exception of the dissertation.

(b) develop a thesis topic, the title and proposal for which will be submitted for

approval to the Course Director by the end of Hilary Term of the first year, together with the name and approval of a person who has agreed to act as their supervisor during the preparation of the dissertation, on the date specified by the department. Candidates registered for the M.Sc programmes listed in paragraph 2 may request a transfer to the M.Phil degree by submitting an application by the deadline stipulated by the Standing Committee.

3. Examinations at the end of the first year will serve to qualify for entry into the second year of the M.Phil course. Candidates who fail one or more papers at the end of the first year will be required to resit and pass the failed paper or papers, normally when next offered the following year, before being permitted to proceed with the degree.

4. In the second year, candidates for the M.Phil will:

(a) offer a thesis of not more than 30,000 words accompanied by an abstract not exceeding 300 words. The maximum word count shall [include footnotes, but exclude footnotes](#), appendices, references and the abstract. The detailed format and specification of the dissertation shall be approved by the Standing Committee, and be published in the course handbook. Two type-written copies of the thesis must be submitted to the Examinations Schools and addressed to the Chair of Examiners of the MPhil in Geography, c/o the Examinations Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG, by noon of the first weekday of September at the end of the second year. The thesis shall be accompanied by a statement certifying that the thesis is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated. [Both copies must bear the candidate's examination number but not his/her name.](#)

#### **Explanatory Notes**

Updating MSc title in line with previous approved change, and minor amendments to text