

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

MSc Biodiversity, Conservation and Management

Brief note about nature of change: minor text revision

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2015

For first examination from 2015-16

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2014

Detail of change

1. P626, I1 – I37:

1. The Social Sciences Divisional Board shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee.
2. Candidates must follow a course of instruction in Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management for at least three terms, and will, when entering for the examination, be required to produce a certificate from the Course Director to this effect.
3. The examination will consist of:
 - (i) a written examination of three three-hour papers based on core courses as described in the schedule;
 - (ii) two assessed essays based on elective courses;

(iii) a dissertation on a subject selected in consultation with the supervisor and Course Director and approved by the ~~Standing Committee~~Course and Academic Directors.

4. Candidates must submit to the Course Director by the end of Hilary Term in the year in which they enter the examination, the title and a brief statement of the form and scope of their dissertation, together with the name of a person who has agreed to act as their supervisor during preparation of the dissertation.

5. The dissertation shall be of a maximum length of 15,000 words and accompanied by an abstract not exceeding 150 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 published in the course handbook.

6. The deadline for submission is noon on the first weekday of September in the year in which the written examination is taken. Two copies of the dissertation must be submitted, to the M.Sc examiners (Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management), c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG. The examiners may retain one copy of the dissertation of each candidate who passes the examination for deposit in an appropriate library. Both copies must bear the candidate's examination number but not his/her name.

7. All submitted work shall be accompanied by a separate statement certifying that the submitted work is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

8. In the written examination, the examiners will permit the use of hand-held pocket calculators subject to the conditions set out under the heading 'Use of calculators in examinations' in the *Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations*.

9. The examiners may also examine any candidate viva voce on the candidate's written papers, dissertation, or both.

10. Arrangements for reassessment shall be specified by the Standing Committee and published in the course handbook.

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

Schedule

(a) *Core courses* Three core courses will be examined under the following heads:

Explanatory Notes

Minor text revision, and change to dissertation word count to include footnotes

