

**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 Nature, Society and Environmental Policy

**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. P686, I13 – I37:**

1. The Social Sciences Divisional Board shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee. The Academic Director(s) and Course Director will be responsible to the Standing Committee.
2. Candidates must follow a course of instruction in Human Geography 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 as described in the schedule;
  - (ii) two assessed essays based upon elective courses;

(iii) a dissertation on a subject selected in consultation with the supervisor and the 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. It may be (a) a theoretical argument related to themes in contemporary human geography and/or environmental governance, or (b) a piece of empirically based research, or (c) an extended treatment of an issue which is intended to be the basis for future research for the degree of M.Litt. or D.Phil. In that case (c), it may be part of a proposal and/or application for further degree study.

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.

### **Explanatory Notes**

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