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

Social Sciences Board

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Title of programme
MSc in Teacher Education (part time)

Brief note about nature of change:
To introduce the examination regulations for the new MSc in Teacher Education (part time).

Effective date
1 October 2014

Location of change
Examination Regulations 2013

Detail of change
1. P.786, after l.45, insert
   “Teacher Education (part time)
   
   1. All candidates will be initially admitted for the Postgraduate Diploma in Teacher Education.
   2. Every candidate must follow for six terms a part-time course of instruction in Teacher Education, approved by the Academic Committee of the Department of Education. All candidates on the course will be required to complete four summatively assessed units of study, two formatively assessed residential units and a research and development dissertation.
   3. The M.Sc in Teacher Education shall be examined by means of four assignments relating to the content of each of the four units and a research and development dissertation. Each assignment must be between 4,000 and 5,000 words in length, or their equivalent in tables, charts and diagrams in accordance with guidance given in
the unit. One electronic copy (in a software format available in the department) must be submitted online to the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc in Teacher Education, c/o Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens, Oxford OX2 6PY who will provide the digital address. The deadline for the submission of assignments will be no later than noon on Monday of Week 1 of Hilary and Trinity terms.

4. The research and development dissertation will present a systematic account of a substantial practitioner research enquiry, focused on the design and implementation of a specific innovation in teacher education with a strong emphasis on the choice of appropriate criteria, and relevant evidence for evaluating its impact. The dissertation must be between 15,000 and 20,000 words in length. One electronic copy (in a software format available in the department) must be submitted to the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc. in Teacher Education, c/o Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens, Oxford OX2 6PY who will provide a digital address, no later than noon on the third Friday in September in the candidate’s second year on the course. One printed copy of the report must also be provided hard bound bearing the name of the candidate, and proof of posting by the submission date must be scanned and sent to the Chair of Examiners. The hard bound copy of the research and development project report of each candidate who passes the examination will be retained by OUDE for deposit in the departmental library.

5. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in an assignment or in the research and development dissertation will be permitted to resubmit on one occasion only. The deadline for resubmission of unit assessments will be noon on the Monday falling 8 weeks after the initial submission date, following the term in which the unit is taken. To transfer successfully from the Postgraduate Diploma to the M.Sc candidates must have passed both assessment units in the first year.

6. The award of Distinction within the M.Sc. in Teacher Education is normally reserved for those candidates who receive distinction marks for at least two of the four assignments, and over 60 for the other two, and also achieve distinction for the dissertation.

7. Candidates may also be examined orally on their final research and development dissertation before the Michaelmas term Examination Board meeting. All candidates will be informed of the date at the start of the second year, as they will be required to attend Oxford in person.

1. If the dissertation is awarded a failing mark, the candidate may resubmit the dissertation one further time on the next occasion when it is examined. If having passed the four assessments a failing mark is received for the dissertation, either at the time of the original submission (and the candidate does not wish to re-sit) or after re-submission, students may apply to exit the programme with a Postgraduate Diploma.”.

Explanatory Notes

Clause 1: This change introduces the examination regulations for the new MSc in Teacher Education (part time) offered by the Department of Education.