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

Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair’s Action on behalf of Quality Assurance Committee (14/02/2019) and by Education Committee (24/05/2019)

Master of Philosophy in International Relations

Brief note about nature of change:

1. Require electronic submission of theses;
2. Remove reference to award of distinction as covered by General Regulations

Location of change


Effective date

For students starting from MT2018
For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.12 as follows:

1. A thesis of not more than 30,000 words, excluding bibliography, to be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, submitted electronically by noon on Monday in the first week of the Trinity Full Term in which the examination is to be taken. Two hard copies of the thesis, together with a copy on CD or USB flash drive, must be accompanied by a separate signed declaration that it is the candidate’s own work except where otherwise indicated and that it has not previously been submitted for assessment, either at Oxford or at another institution. On submitting the thesis, candidates will also be required to submit an online declaration of authorship. The examiners shall exclude from consideration any part of the thesis which is not the candidate’s own work or which has been or will be submitted to satisfy the requirements of another course, and the examiners shall have power to require the candidate to produce for their inspection the work so submitted or to be submitted. After the examination process is complete, each successful candidate must
deposit one hardbound copy of their thesis in the Bodleian Library.’

2. Delete citation 1.15:

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