

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of Quality Assurance Committee (14/02/2019)

Master of Science by Coursework in Politics Research

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

In *Examination Regulations 2018*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/mosbcinpoliirese/studentview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2019

For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.16 as follows:

'The Thesis

Each candidate must submit a thesis of not more than 15,000 words, excluding bibliography and any methodological appendices. ~~Two hard copies, together with a copy on CD or USB flash drive, must be submitted to the Examination Schools~~ The thesis must be submitted electronically by noon on the last Friday of August following the end of Trinity Full Term. It 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. The thesis must be clearly marked with the candidate's examination number, the title of the thesis and the words M.Sc. in Politics Research. 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.

For a candidate to pass the degree of M.Sc. in Politics Research, the candidate must pass: the *Research Methods in Political Science* paper (all elements of coursework and the Research Design Proposal), the written examination paper (*Comparative Government* or *European Governance*), and the thesis.

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