

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 (01/03/2019)

Research Degrees in Social Policy and Intervention, Sociology, and International Development

Brief note about nature of change: Introduction of integrated theses for Research Degrees in the Department of International Development.

Location of change

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

Effective date

With immediate effect for all students on course

Detail of change

1. Insert the following text as a new entry under citation 1.38:

'Additional regulations for the Department of International Development

Integrated theses

A D.Phil. thesis may be accepted for examination either in the form of an articles-based thesis if it consists of a minimum of three published articles or articles intended for future publication, or as an integrated thesis which may include one or more published articles or articles intended for future publication combined with one or more conventional chapters.

Such a body of work shall be deemed acceptable provided it represents a coherent body of research. It should include an introduction placing the individual papers in context, a literature review, and an overall conclusion. The articles-based or integrated thesis should reflect the amount, originality and level of work expected for a conventional thesis. Current word limits and conditions remain in place. Co-authored work will only be permitted under exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the supervisor(s) and Graduate Studies Committee. Where co-authored articles are included, the supervisor(s) and all co-

authors must certify in writing to the Graduate Studies Committee that the majority of that work represents the work of the candidate. Co-authored work with supervisors is not normally permitted.

Candidates wishing to submit an articles-based or integrated thesis must obtain permission from their supervisor and the Department's Graduate Studies Committee before applying for Confirmation of D.Phil. status. If, after an application is accepted, a candidate wishes to revert to a standard D.Phil. thesis format, the candidate must submit an application to their supervisor and the Department's Graduate Studies Committee showing good cause for the change. Students applying for Confirmation of Status will be required to submit a statement of the intended basis for the overall coherence of the work, and may submit draft articles in place of draft chapters.

Further guidance can be found in the Course Handbook.'

Explanatory Notes

Introduction of integrated theses for Research Degrees in the Department of International Development.