Social Sciences Board

**Approved by TAC 24th February 2012**

**Title of programme**
MSc in Social Science of the Internet

**Brief note about nature of change:** Amendments to the arrangements regarding re-sits for parts A and C of the programme

**Effective date**
From 1 October 2012

**Location of change**
In *Examination Regulations 2011*

**Detail of change**

1. P. 760 delete ll.5-31 and substitute

   ‘1. Candidates must follow for three terms a course of instruction in Social Science of the Internet.

2. The examination will be in six parts, as follows:

   **A.** Compulsory core paper in Social Dynamics of the Internet, assessed by examination.
   **B.** Compulsory core paper in Internet Technologies and Regulation, assessed by examination.
   **C.** Compulsory core paper in Social Research Methods and the Internet: part I and part II (Methods) assessed by written coursework. Details of and arrangements for submission of the written coursework shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.
   **D.** Compulsory core paper in Social Research Methods and the Internet: part I and part II (Data analysis), consisting of Statistics, and a choice of either Advanced Quantitative Analysis or Advanced Qualitative Analysis, assessed by written coursework and examinations. Details of and arrangements for submission of the written coursework shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.
E. Option paper 1, to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute website annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Not all options may be available every year. The option papers will be assessed by written coursework, details of and arrangements for submission of which shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.

F. Option paper 2, to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute website annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Not all options may be available every year. The option papers will be assessed by written coursework, details of and arrangements for submission of which shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Candidates may, after special permission of the Oxford Internet Institute’s Graduate Studies Committee, take this option paper from outside the list of the department’s options.

G. A thesis of not more than 10,000 words on a topic within the subject of the course, to be specified jointly by supervisor and student, and approved by the programme director. Two written copies of the thesis must be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon of the weekday on or nearest to 1 of August of the year in which the examination is to be taken. Successful candidates will be required to deposit a copy of their thesis in the Oxford Internet Institute Library.

3. The examiners may examine any candidate viva voce.

4. The examiners may award a Distinction for excellence in the whole examination on the basis of the material submitted to them.’.

Explanatory Notes

The above amendments address the issue whereby students who failed one of the papers within either the original part A or part C of the overall examination of the programme were required to re-sit all papers within that part, irrespective of whether they passed the other paper, thus, students were required to re-sit papers that they had already passed. The above changes act to split the original parts which contained a combination of two papers into separate parts in their own right, circumventing the requirement to re-sit papers already passed in the event of failure in one of the papers.