

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 (04/09/2019)

Postgraduate Diploma in Organisational Leadership (Part-time)

Brief note about nature of change:

1. Amendment to the timing permitted for resits
2. Amendment to the minimum length of suspension of status

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2019*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2019-20/pdiol-p-time/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting from HT 2020

For first examination from 2019-20 (Hilary term calendar)

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.5 as follows:

1.5 5. If, for good cause, a student is temporarily unable to carry out their studies, the Programme Director may grant a temporary suspension of status, normally for not less than ~~one and not more than~~ twelve months at any one time. Applications for suspension of status should be made to the Programme Director, c/o the relevant Graduate Studies Assistant; and will require additional approval from the Director of Graduate Studies. No student may be granted more than twelve months' suspension of status in this way by the Programme Director.

2. Amend citation 1.13 as follows:

1.13 (b) Courses (i) to (iii) will each be assessed by a 2-hour written examination. Course (iv) will be assessed by a final integrative written assignment of 6,000 words. Assignments must be submitted online, as set out in the assessment section of the programme ~~WebLearn site~~ learning platform, not later than 12 noon on the stipulated submission date, which will be published by the Programme Director by the first module of the programme. All material submitted for the

integrative written assignment shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the candidate indicating that it is the candidate's own work.

3. Delete citation 1.15:

~~1.15 3. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.~~

4. Amend citation 1.16 as follows:

~~1.16 4. Candidates who fail an assessment may be re-examined on not more than one occasion which normally shall be within one year of their initial failure.~~ 3. Candidates who fail to satisfy the Examiners in the assessment of any of the components may retake or resubmit the failed assessment once, no more than twelve months after the final meeting of the Board of Examiners, excluding any period of suspension.

5. Amend citation 1.17 as follows:

~~1.17 54.~~ With the approval of the Programme Director, a candidate may substitute any of courses (i) to (iii) on the Postgraduate Diploma with core courses from the part-time MBA, the Postgraduate Diploma in Global Business, the Postgraduate Diploma in Strategy and Innovation, the Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Strategy, or M.Sc. in Major Programme Management, assuming that core course falls within the permitted registration period for the original Postgraduate Diploma.

Explanatory Notes

1. Amendment to the timing permitted for resits: This amendment is to clarify the time permitted for resits as the existing regulations are currently unclear on the time allowed. An amendment is to be made across all PGDips at the Business School (see related notices in this edition of the Gazette) and will bring PGDips in line with the Executive MBA and MSc in Major Programme Management.
2. Amendment to the minimum length of suspension of status: In practice, suspensions are normally given for twelve months to allow students to re-join the programme the following academic year at the same point they left. This ensures that students do not miss or repeat any teaching or assessment, and allows students to progress chronologically through the course, building up to the final integrative assessment at the end of the programme. An amendment is to be made across all PGDips at the Business School (see related notices in this edition of the Gazette). This change would not bring these regulations into conflict with the current General Regulations concerning the status of graduate taught students, 'Suspension of Status of Graduate Taught Students'.