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

Social Sciences Board

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Title of programme
MPhil Economics

Brief note about nature of change: Revisions to the structure of the 2nd year of the programme

Effective date
From 1 October 2012

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2011

Detail of change

1. P.509 l.42, delete ‘two advanced papers’ and substitute ‘five second year papers’.

2. P.509 l.42, after ‘submit a thesis.’* insert

‘Candidates must take at least one starred (*) paper (advanced core subject) and at least one non-starred paper (field subject).’.

3. P.510 delete ll.9 – 33 and substitute:

‘Second year papers for the M.Phil. in Economics

Second year papers are normally available in the following subject areas:
1. Advanced Macroeconomics 1*
2. Advanced Macroeconomics 2*
3. Advanced Microeconomics 1*
4. Advanced Microeconomics 2*
5. Econometric Theory*
6. Micro Econometrics*
7. Time Series Econometrics*
8. Behavioural Economics
10. Development Economics 2: Topics in Development Economics
11. Economic History 1: The Great Divergence
12. Economic History 2: Money, Finance and Cycles in History
15. Industrial Organisation 1: Pricing and Competition Analysis
17. International Trade 1: International Trade and the Location of Economic Activity
18. International Trade 2: International Firms and Intra-industry Trade
19. Labour Economics: The Economics of Pay and Personnel
20. Public Economics.

A descriptive list of second year papers for an academic year, together with their rubrics, will be published before the beginning of the year by the Department of Economics. Not all second year papers on the descriptive list may be available in that year. The definitive list of second year papers together with information on content and structure will be published in the MPhil Economics Handbook published at the beginning of Michaelmas Term of the year in which the exam is to be taken.

For all Economics papers candidates are permitted the use of a hand-held pocket calculator from a list of permitted calculators, which will be updated annually in the week prior to the first full week of Michaelmas Term and published by the Department of Economics on its website.

Explanatory Notes

These revisions to the regulations change the number of papers that candidates must take in the 2nd year of the MPhil programme. Previously, candidates were required to take only two advanced papers (with none of the papers available being mandatory), in addition to submitting a 30,000 word thesis. Candidates are now required to take five 2nd year papers, at least one of which must be from the starred (*) section of the list above (options 1-7), and one from the non-starred section of the list (options 8-20), in addition to submitting a 30,000 word thesis. Candidates are then free to choose either starred or non-starred options for their remaining three papers.

All approvals were secured in the 2010-11 academic year, but due to an oversight the legislation was not submitted to the gazette for publication, and was not picked up at Grey Book proof stage by the department.