

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 (11/03/2020)

Research Degrees in Anthropology

Brief note about nature of change: Factual updates to regulations

Location of change

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

Effective date

Immediate effect for all students on course

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.4 as follows:

^{1.4}For transfer of status, the student should submit two copies in typescript of a substantial piece of written work relevant to the proposed thesis. The work should not exceed 20,000 words excluding bibliography and any appendixes, but including notes, and should consist of, or incorporate, a detailed research proposal. The student will be required to show that the research already undertaken shows promise of the ability to produce a satisfactory M.Litt. or D.Phil. thesis, as the case may be, on the intended topic. Students should submit their work to the Departmental Office, ~~Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology~~ School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, not later than the end of the third Full Term (or sixth Full Term for part-time students) after admission. An extension of one term (or two terms for part-time students) may be granted in exceptional circumstances. (NB: alternative provisions apply to probationer research students with coursework, as described in paragraph 3, below). The student's submission will be assessed by two assessors appointed by the Teaching Committee of the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, to which they will submit a written report. A student whose first application is unsuccessful may be given one further opportunity to apply for transfer of status, for which an extension of one term (or two terms for part-time students) is automatically granted.

2. Amend citations 1.6 – 1.11 as follows:

^{1.6} **3. Probationer research students with coursework**

^{1.7} Probationer research students entering the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography

~~Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology~~ should normally have a prior, full taught-course degree in ~~social or cultural anthropology~~ the area of anthropology relevant to their proposed studies at either the graduate or undergraduate levels before being admitted to this status. Exceptionally, however, students who have earned a distinction in either (1) a degree in a closely related subject that includes some ~~social or cultural relevant~~ anthropology, or (2) a ~~mixed combined~~ degree in ~~social or cultural~~ anthropology and another closely related subject may be admitted directly to the status of probationer research student in anthropology. In addition to the standard requirements for probationer research students in anthropology (and except as varied below), students entering the ~~above Institute School~~ via this route should satisfy the following conditions, subject to variation (except (4)) at the discretion of the supervisor in consultation with the Doctoral Admissions and Research Convenor:

^{1.8} (1) they enter the ~~Institute School~~ as research students in the Michaelmas term of their first academic year and not in any other term;

^{1.9} (2) the topic of their proposed research lies in the general thematic or geographical area covered by their prior degree;

^{1.10} (3) they undertake a full course of eight tutorials in general the relevant area of anthropology, with essays, submitted as directed by their supervisor in agreement with an appropriate tutor, in the first term (or first two terms for part-time students) of their admission as probationer research students. Three of the essays produced for these tutorials are to be submitted for assessment as described below;

^{1.11} (4) the proposed supervisor has given his or her approval of this course of action in writing to the ~~Director of Graduate Studies~~ Doctoral Admissions and Research Convenor for anthropology or, in case the latter is the proposed supervisor, to the Director of ~~the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology~~ Graduate Studies for Anthropology.

3. Amend citation 1.32 as follows:

^{1.32} The student will be required to give evidence confirming that the research already carried out gives promise of the ability to produce a satisfactory D.Phil. thesis on the intended topic. For this purpose the applicant must submit: (a) a detailed outline of the whole of the proposed thesis, including an indication of the topics, theories, arguments etc. to be covered in individual chapters (as applicable); and (b) at least one and not more than two sample chapters. In the latter case, the student is advised to submit one chapter that is basically ethnographic in type (if applicable), the other concerning the more general comparative and/or theoretical issues with which the thesis deals, though this advice may be varied in consultation with the supervisor(s). A student who wishes to proceed by the integrated thesis format must submit instead: (a) the introduction to the thesis together with a statement outlining how the chapters are integrated as a complete text; (b) at least one and not more than two sample chapters; (c) (as front matter) a statement listing any papers published or accepted for publication, or under consideration for publication, linked to the work presented in the thesis, outlining the candidate's contributions to any collaborative efforts; and (d) (as a separate document) a statement of permission from collaborators to include the work in the thesis, with each collaborator confirming the extent of the candidate's contribution. The outline should not exceed 4,000 words, and the submitted chapters should not exceed 20,000 words in total. If these materials do exceed these limits, the assessors are under no obligation to read beyond them, though they are permitted to require the student to submit extra materials to help them in reaching a recommendation. The materials should be submitted, in two copies, to the Departmental Office, ~~Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology~~ School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography.

Explanatory Notes

These minor changes replace outdated terms and reflect the current organisation of the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography. An amendment has been made to clearly include all students admitted to research degrees in anthropology within the School, not only those admitted to study social and cultural anthropology specifically as part of the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology (as was historically the case). Other minor changes relate to the role of the Doctoral

Admissions and Research Convenor (which is an adjunct role to the DGS), and allowing for the role of the research supervisor in agreeing the most appropriate coursework to be undertaken.