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

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Title of programme
MSc in Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition

Brief note about nature of change: Minor changes to the regulations in relation to the submission of assignments

Effective date
From 1 October 2012

Location of change
In *Examination Regulations 2011*

Detail of change

1. Delete from P.673 l.8 to P.674 l.9 and substitute

"1. Candidates may normally only be admitted to the course if they have successfully obtained an honours degree which contained a substantial element of second language learning and/or linguistics.  
2. The course shall consist of eight taught modules (constituting Part 1 of the examination) and a dissertation (constituting Part 2 of the examination). Candidates shall be deemed to have passed the examination if they have satisfied the examiners in both Part 1 and Part 2. Every candidate shall be required to complete Parts 1 and 2 unless they can make a case for prior accreditation of Part 1 (by virtue of having successfully completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching English Language in University Settings), in which case they will be required to complete only Part 2.  
3. Every candidate who is required to complete Part 1 will be required to complete all eight Modules of the course unless they can make a case for prior accreditation (by virtue of having successfully completed the Diploma in Education, Modern Foreign
Languages), in which case they will be required to complete six Modules, and this will constitute Part 1 of the examination for these candidates. Candidates must pass Part 1 by examination or by prior accreditation before submitting a dissertation for Part 2. Interim marks for the first four Modules of Part 1 will be released to candidates following the first meeting of the Examination Board. At the close of the examination in Part 1, a list of candidates shall be published who have satisfied the examiners in that part of the examination.

4. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:
   (i) Satisfactory attendance at the appropriate classroom-based courses;
   (ii) Satisfactory performance in both Part 1 and Part 2.

5. Three word-processed or printed copies of each of four module assignments must be delivered to the Chairman of Examiners, M.Sc. in Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition Examiners, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford no later than noon on the Monday of Week 1 of Hilary Full Term, and three word-processed or printed copies of each of four further module assignments must be delivered to the same address no later than noon on the Monday of Week 1 of Trinity Full Term. Part-time students must submit assignments for two modules on each of these occasions over a period of two years. Candidates will also be required to submit an electronic copy of each assignment to assignments@education.ox.ac.uk by 15.00 on the same days. Each assignment must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate’s own work.

6. Candidates will be required to submit a dissertation of between 15,000 and 20,000 words (including footnotes/endnotes but excluding appendices and references or bibliography) on a subject selected by the candidate in consultation with the supervisor, which must be closely related to one or more of the themes of the course. The subject and title selected by the candidate must be approved by Departmental Board not later than the first day of the fifth week of Hilary Term of the course (for full-time candidates) and of the second year of the course (for part-time candidates).

7. Three word processed or printed copies of the dissertation must be delivered to the Chairman of the Examiners, M.Sc. in Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, OX2 6PY not later than noon on the last Friday of August of the year in which the final Module examination has been taken. One copy should be hard bound and two soft bound, the latter of which should be anonymous except for the candidate number. The hard bound copy of the dissertation of each candidate who passes the examination shall be retained by the department for deposit in the departmental library. The dissertation must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate’s own work. Candidates will also be required to submit an electronic copy of the dissertation to assignments@education.ox.ac.uk by noon on the same day. If Part 1 is failed, the candidate may retake the whole examination of Part 1 one further time on the next occasion when this is examined. If Part 2 is failed the candidate may resubmit the dissertation one further time on the next occasion when it is examined.

8. The candidate may also be examined orally. The oral examination may only be on the candidate’s dissertation.

9. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

Explanatory Notes

The above regulation changes have been made in order to clarify the arrangements for the submission of assignments to the Department of Education. No major changes were requested.