

## Humanities Divisional Board

**Substantive changes to Oxford MBA 1+1 programme approved by Education Committee on 6 February 2018; consequential changes to MSt Music degree approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 9 February 2018**

### Title of Programme

Master of Studies in Music

**Brief note about nature of change:** changes to the Oxford 1+1 MBA bridging programme

### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mostudinmusi>)

### Effective date

**With immediate effect**

### Detail of change

#### 1.27 Oxford 1+1 MBA programme

1.28 Candidates registered on the Oxford 1+1 MBA programme will follow an additional two or three month bridging programme at the end of their third term of the combined programme.

1.29 Each candidate will be appointed an academic advisor from the Saïd Business School to plan an individual course of study which will include as a minimum, the following three compulsory elements:

1.30 (i) ~~Attendance of one of the summer elective programmes offered for the Master of Business Administration to be published by the MBA Director before the first Monday of the preceding term. Candidates would be required to undertake all assessments and receive feedback, but would not obtain credit towards the MBA. Candidates are not permitted to subsequently undertake the same elective as part of the MBA programme the following year.~~

Normally two meetings during the bridging programme with the senior advisor appointed by the Saïd Business School at the start of the Oxford 1+1 MBA programme.

1.31 (ii) ~~A formatively assessed assignment of no more than 5,000 words (including all prefatory~~

~~matter and appendices) supervised by the Saïd Business School academic advisor, which will relate the Master's degree learning to an appropriate area of the MBA programme. Candidates would also be required to present a work plan related to this assignment to the 1+1 programme class.~~

A formatively assessed Integrative Development Plan of up to 3,000 words. Candidates would be required to critically reflect on their learning from the Masters programme and relate this both to their forthcoming MBA programme as well as to their career goals. The meetings with the advisor will frame the design, delivery and discussion of the plan.

<sup>1.32</sup>(iii) Attendance of the MBA pre-course as described in the joining instructions for the MBA class, unless granted exemption by the MBA Committee on the grounds of prior formal study or work experience.

### **Explanatory Notes**

Education Committee has approved changes to the bridging programme that forms a key element in the Oxford 1+1 MBA offering. The current arrangements have proven unwieldy and inflexible to individual student circumstances, and have resulted in a number of applications for dispensation from the regulations from the first element, with students undertaking related internships instead.

The revised bridging arrangements would be mandatory for students on 9/10 month Masters programmes, but also optional for students in 12 month Masters programmes (depending on the extent of the academic commitments of their Masters programme over the summer).

The new arrangements allow more flexibility over the summer period, so students can undertake internships etc, and should provide a better pedagogical link between the two programmes through the proposed Integrative Development Plan which will be formatively assessed, and supervised by a senior SBS advisor.

In addition to the three compulsory elements, students will also be invited to take part in existing and proposed co-curricular activities, such as invitations to networking events and the possibility of an undertaking an internship over the summer bridging period.