

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved on behalf of Teaching Audit Committee on 03/07/18

Title of Programme

MPhil Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation

Brief note about nature of change: clarification of option papers

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2017* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mopie-bsiape-ebsi/studentview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018

For first (qualifying) examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

1. Amend citation reference 1.3 as follows:

‘Every candidate must pass a qualifying test at the end of Trinity Full Term in the *two* compulsory papers, either *Evidence-Based Social Intervention or Policy Evaluation*, and *Evaluation Methods* and one *Optional Paper* from the list of optional papers published annually by Friday of the sixth week of Michaelmas Full Term in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention. The examiners may examine candidates viva voce if required. Candidates who fail the qualifying test will be allowed to retake the test once before the beginning of the first week of the next academic year. The Social Policy and Intervention Graduate Studies Committee can decide that the retake shall consist of the whole test or parts thereof.’

2. Amend citation reference 1.6 as follows:

‘~~(i)~~i. One further optional paper, also examined by a three-hour unseen written exam. This will be from a list published annually by Friday of the sixth week of

Michaelmas Full Term in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention.
Candidates are expected to take options offered through the EBSIPE course. Only in exceptional circumstances and with the special permission of the Course Director, the optional paper may be from subjects outside this list.'

3. Amend citation reference 1.7 as follows:

~~'(iii) ii.~~ ii. One research thesis on a topic related to and attentive to the evidence-based social intervention, policy evaluation or evaluation methods. The subject of the thesis must be approved by the supervisor on behalf of the Department and it should not exceed 30,000 words in length. The thesis must be submitted via WebLearn by noon of Friday of the sixth week of Trinity Full Term in which the examination is to be taken. The thesis must be anonymous, and submitted in Word format. Successful candidates may be required to deposit a hard copy of their thesis in the Social Sciences Library.'

Explanatory Notes

Changes to clarify that students are expected to take EBSIPE option papers unless in exceptional circumstances.