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

**SSD/2/2/4**

#### Social Sciences Divisional Board

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

#### Title of Programme

MSc Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation

#### Brief note about nature of change: clarification of requirements of methods workbook

#### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2017* [http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mosbcie-bsiape-bsi/studentview/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mosbcie-bsiape-bsi/studentview/)

#### Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018

For first examination from 2018-19

#### Detail of change

1. Amend citation reference 1.9 as follows:

   ‘3. A candidate who fails the examination may enter for one subsequent examination only, provided this is within six terms of his or her initial registration. A candidate who has attained a satisfactory mark in any one of the four components (i through iv) of the examination in item 2 above will not be required to retake the component(s) that received a pass mark.’

2. Amend citation reference 1.13 as follows:

   ‘(ii) *Evaluation Methods* (core course): Candidates will be expected to have a knowledge of major quantitative and qualitative techniques, and research designs for understanding social problems and evaluating social interventions and policies. In the event of failure of an element any of the five methods workbook assignments, candidates are able to resubmit that element assignment once. The maximum mark awarded for re-submitted elements is 50 except in exceptional circumstances.’
circumstances. Candidates must pass all five assignments to successfully pass the methods workbook.’

3. Amend citation reference 1.14 as follows:

‘(iii) *Option course:* This will enable students to link evidence-based solutions to a range of social problems. The list of options will be 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.’

**Explanatory Notes**

Changes to clarify the arrangements for assessment of the methods workbook, and to clarify that students are expected to take EBSIPE option papers unless in exceptional circumstances.