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

Social Sciences Board

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Title of programme
BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, BA in Economics & Management, BA in History & Economics

Brief note about nature of change:
Re-wording of the rubric concerning the ‘Labour Economics and Industrial Relations’ module to more accurately reflect the content of the course as it is taught

Effective date
1 October 2013

Location of change
Examination Regulations 2012

Detail of change
1. **P.425, delete l.24-28 and substitute** “The analysis of labour markets from both microeconomic and macroeconomic perspectives; collective bargaining and trade unions; personnel economics; the economics of education and human capital; wage determination and inequality.”.

Explanatory Notes
The revised rubric more accurately describes the content of the course as it is currently taught. With the reduced role that trade unions play in most advanced economies, alternative bargaining structures (e.g. individual bargaining, incentive-pay structures) have become increasingly widespread, and this change is reflected in the growing literature on personnel economics. The proposed rubric encompasses both the analysis of trade unions and a range of other approaches to the understanding of wage determination and
employment relationships, and more closely matches standard labour economics textbooks for advanced undergraduates.