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

Social Sciences Board

Approved by the Teaching Audit Committee on 31 May 2013

Title of programme
MSc in Political Theory Research

Brief note about nature of change:
Minor stylistic amendments and changes to the wording of the regulations, for the purposes of the elimination of repetition, clarification, and to bring the regulations in line with those of the MPhil in Politics.

Effective date
1 October 2013

Location of change
Examination Regulations 2012 and Online Regulations

Detail of change
1. P.751, l.45, delete “Notes of Guidance for Graduate Students and Supervisors in Politics” and insert “Student Handbook”.

2. P.751, after l.46 insert

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The regulations made by the Politics Graduate Studies Committee are as follows:

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3. P.752, l.2-3, delete “The two compulsory papers are Theory of Politics and Research Methods in Political Theory.”.

4. P.752, l.6, before “Compulsory” insert “(” and after “Politics” delete “ (Political Theory”).

5. P.752, l.10, before “Compulsory” insert “(” and after “Politics” delete “ (Political Theory”).

6. Online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_96), Political Theory Research section, sub-section (b), before “Compulsory” insert “(” and after “M.Phil. in Politics” delete “Political Theory)” and insert “).”.

7. Online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_96), Political Theory Research section, sub-section (b), after “research methods training, as specified in the”, delete “Notes of guidance for Graduate Students and Supervisors in Politics” and insert “Student Handbook”.

8. Online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_96), Political Theory Research section, sub-section (b), after “on research design as it bears on”, delete “some aspect of political theory.” and insert “the subject of the student’s proposed M.Sc. thesis.”.

9. Online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_96), Political Theory Research section, sub-section (b), after “Oxford or at another institution.”, delete “The essay will normally be related to the subject of the student’s proposed M.Sc. thesis.”.

10. Online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_96), Political Theory Research section, after sub-section (c), delete “The examiners may also examine any candidate viva voce.” and insert “Candidates must present themselves for viva voce examination when requested by the examiners.”.

Explanatory Notes

Clause 1: The course documentation issued to students has been renamed to the ‘Student Handbook’.

Clause 2: This addition represents a stylistic change to bring the regulations for this programme into conformity with the style used for the MPhil examination regulations.

Clause 3: Removal in order to eliminate repetition.

Clause 4-5: Stylistic change to bring into conformity with MPhil regulations.

Clauses 6-9: All changes are to bring this section into conformity with the regulations for the MPhil programme. The online version of the regulations has been used for the changes
above due to a number of changes having already been made to the version in the printed 2012 Grey Book entry.

Clause 10: Stylistic change to bring the regulations into conformity with the MPhil regulations, as both MSc and MPhil vivas are conducted by the same examination board according to the same conventions and rules.