

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

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**Social Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of Quality Assurance Committee (07/06/2019)**

**Master of Science by Coursework in Economics for Development**

**Brief note about nature of change:**

1. Amendment to terminology used to describe the extended essay/dissertation

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2018*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/mosbcieconfordeve/studentview/>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2019**

**For first examination from 2019-20**

**Detail of change**

1. Amend citation 1.8 as follows:

~~'(b) an extended essay~~ a dissertation.

2. Amend citation 1.9 as follows:

~~'The extended essay~~ dissertation shall be on a topic falling within the general field of development economics. The ~~essay~~ topic shall be selected by the student in consultation with the supervisor, and approved by the Course Director by the end of the first week of the Trinity Full Term in which the examination is taken. The maximum length and form of the ~~extended essay~~ dissertation and instructions for submission will be communicated to candidates by the Chair of Examiners.'

**Explanatory Notes**

The MSc in Economics for Development has five assessment units: four written exam papers and an Extended Essay. The Extended Essay is the degree's dissertation, but this

is not immediately clear from the current term used, and it is proposed to replace the term 'extended essay' with 'dissertation' in the examination regulations and throughout the course documentation.