

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 Social Anthropology

Brief note about nature of change:

1. Amendment to timing of assessment for Paper 1

Location of change

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

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2019

For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.6 as follows:

'(i) one essay of no more than 5,000 words for Paper 1, for which a list of essay titles will be announced no later than ~~Monday of the fourth~~ Friday of the seventh week of Michaelmas Term. The essay must be submitted electronically via WebLearn not later than noon of the Tuesday of the first week of Hilary Term; the essay must be anonymous, accompanied by confirmation that it is the candidate's own work, and submitted in electronic file format.'

2. Amend citation 1.15 as follows:

'Paper 1 is assessed ~~examined~~ examined by assessed essay submitted in Hilary Term and by one three-hour paper sat in Trinity Term. The two option papers (Papers 2 and 3 above) may be examined by assessed essay or by a three-hour sat examination, and must be selected from the lists below, within which the student has a free choice.'

Explanatory Notes

The current essay title release date for Paper 1 has caused an undue amount of anxiety amongst the student cohort as they were presented with the essay questions before they had received half of the material on which they were to be examined. A later essay title release date of Friday of the seventh week of Michaelmas term would not unfairly reduce the amount of time students have to work on their essays as students are not expected, or often able, to commence work on their essays until a later point in term when they have received the majority of taught content. The remaining assignments for the course are all due in Trinity term, so the change will not have a negative impact on overall workload.