

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

SSD/2/2/4

**Social Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by Chair's Action on 31/01/17**

**Title of Programme**

Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

**Brief note about nature of change:** introduction of new option paper and change to option rubric

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hsop-poliandecon/studentview/>

**Effective date**

**For students starting FHS from MT 2016**

**For first examination from 2017-18**

**Detail of change**

1. After citation reference 1.102 insert text as follows:

'320. Behavioural and Experimental Economics'

2. Amend citation reference 1.195-1.196 as follows:

~~'Theories of growth and development. Poverty and income distribution. Human resources. Labour markets and employment. Industrialisation and technology. Agriculture and rural development. Monetary and fiscal issues; inflation. Foreign trade and payments. Foreign and domestic capital; economic aid. The role of government in development; the operation of markets.~~

~~Where appropriate, candidates will be expected to illustrate their answers with knowledge~~

of actual situations. This course applies economic theory, combined with evidence from empirical studies, to analyse some of the main economic issues in the economies of developing countries. A representative list of topics is as follows: Poverty and inequality; growth and development; coordination failures and under-development; international trade, capital flows, and development; human capital, health and education; labour and migration; credit markets; market failure and government failure; political economy.'

3. After citation reference 1.209 insert text as follows:

'320. Behavioural and Experimental Economics

Heuristics and biases, social preferences, reference-dependent preferences, bounded will-power, honesty, mental accounting, level-k reasoning. The design and analysis of laboratory and field experiments, incentives, ethics, testing theories, identification of treatment effects, internal/external validity, statistical power calculation.

(a) Assessment

Behavioural and Experimental Economics will be examined by an assessed extended essay. Candidates will design, conduct and analyse a field or laboratory experiment and write an extended essay on their research, including the research question, design and results of the experiment.

Every essay shall be the candidate's own work. The experiment, however, can be designed and conducted jointly by several candidates. The group composition and the design of the experiment must be agreed with the candidates' tutor. The tutor may discuss with the candidates the research question, the previous literature, and the design, implementation and analyses of the experiment. The amount of assistance that may be given is equivalent to the teaching of a normal paper. All experiment designs must be submitted for ethical approval to the Research Ethics Committee of the Department of Economics.

(b) Authorship and origin

No essay shall exceed 7,500 words, the limit to include all notes and appendices, but not bibliographies and experimental instructions. Candidates should include a select biography at the end of the essay. All instructions used during the essay, including screen-shots if the experiment is conducted via computer, should be documented in an appendix. Footnotes have to be placed at the bottom of the relevant pages; citations have to be placed in the text.

(c) Submission of assessed work

Candidates shall submit their essay not later than noon on Thursday of Week 0 of Trinity Full Term of the examination in electronic format via WebLearn.'

**Explanatory Notes**

Introduction of a new option and change to rubric for another option paper.

Vested interests: Students have been made aware of the introduction of a new option paper, and the rubric changes are designed to ensure that the course is up-to-date with current scholarship in the subject.