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

Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair’s action on behalf of Teaching Audit Committee on 10/08/2018

Title of Programme
MSc Modern South Asian Studies

Brief note about nature of change: amendments to dates for assessments to be set, online submission requirements, and re-sit arrangements

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2017, http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/mosbcimodesoutasiastud/studentview/, as amended by the Gazette of 21 June 2018

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2018
For first examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

1. Amend citation reference 1.3 as follows:

   ‘3. Candidates will complete the core course in Modern South Asian Studies. The course will be assessed by one take-home 5,000 word maximum essays. This Essay questions will be issued on Monday of Week-8 of Hilary Michaelmas Term and should be submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 1 of Trinity Term.’

2. Amend citation reference 1.8 as follows:

   ‘(ii) Qualitative and Historical Methods: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a 2,500 word essay on Historical Methods to be set by Monday of Week 5 of Hilary Term and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.’
3. Amend citation reference 1.9 as follows:

‘(iii) Qualitative Methods, Literature and Language: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a 2,500 word essay on Literature and Language to be set by Monday of Week 5 of Hilary Term and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.’

4. Amend citation reference 1.12 as follows:

‘7. Two printed copies of each of the items of written work detailed above and, in addition, an electronic copy in both Word and PDF format on a memory stick or CD, must be delivered to the Examination Schools, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the MSc in Modern South Asian Studies, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford at the times and days specified for each paper. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating it is the candidate’s own work. Successful candidates may be required to deposit a hard copy of the thesis in the Bodleian Library.’

5. Amend citation reference 1.15 as follows:

‘9. A candidate who fails the research methods course overall will be permitted to re-submit a new submission for the failed piece(s) of work within four weeks of publication of the failed mark, on a date specified by the Chair of Examiners. A candidate who fails either of the core course essays will be permitted to re-submit the essay(s) on one further occasion, normally at the beginning of the September following the term in which the written papers are first taken but at the latest within one year of the original submission. If a candidate fails either of the written papers or the thesis, they may re-sit/resubmit one further time on the next occasion when examined.’

Explanatory Notes

Changes to the regulations to:

Issue the core course essay title earlier

Issue the Qualitative and Historical Methods & Qualitative Methods, Literature and Language essay title earlier

Require on-line submission in Word and PDF formats

Clarification of re-sit timings