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

Social Sciences Board

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Title of programme
FHS PPE

Brief note about nature of change:
Change to method of assessment on the Philosophy option of Jurisprudence from written exam to long essay, removal of requirement for tutors to countersign declaration that thesis is the candidates’ own work, and removal of option paper.

Effective date
1 October 2013 for first examination for second years in summer 2014.

Location of change
Examination Regulations 2012

Detail of change
1. **P.417, l.17, delete** ‘(as specified in the regulations for the Honour School of Jurisprudence) (114,203)’ and **substitute**: ‘(The change to the method of examination by long essay under (b) as specified in the regulations for the Honour School of Jurisprudence, will apply to PPE candidates in the following manner:

i) All Year 2 students in 2013-14 will undertake the long essay in the summer of 2014;

ii) Year 3 students in 2013-14 will have been taught the traditional Jurisprudence course in 2012-13 (Year 2), and will sit an unseen written
examination in 2013-14) (114, 203).

2. **P.426, delete l.23-42** (i.e. ‘313. Statistical Methods in Economics...concentration, inequality and poverty.’)

3. **P.428, l.31, delete** ‘honour school’ and **substitute** ‘Honour School’.

4. **P.428, l.36, after** ‘Director of Undergraduate Studies for’ **insert** ‘Philosophy,’.

5. **P.428, l.37, delete** ‘the head of the Department of’.

6. **P.428, l.41, after** ‘his or her’ **insert** ‘thesis’.

7. **P.428, l.44, delete** ‘or head of department’.

8. **P.429, l.4, after** ‘his or her’ **insert** ‘thesis’.

9. **P.429, l.8, before** ‘tutor’ **insert** ‘thesis’.

10. **P.429, l.16, delete** ‘and his or her tutor shall countersign the certificate confirming that, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, these statements are true’

**Explanatory Notes**

1. The change to the Jurisprudence section is for clarity. Jurisprudence comes under Philosophy for PPE. The Philosophy USC reviewed changes in the Jurisprudence paper, which is available to PPE candidates as a Philosophy option. It was reported that “The proposed change would require of Jurisprudence candidates the submission of a "mini-dissertation" in the second year. The Committee was in agreement that Jurisprudence should remain available in PPE (students having done well in it); and of the available timescales for change, preferred that PPE students first took the new paper in 2015 (offering the dissertation in 2014); this would allow a whole year to discuss the process with Law, and sensible bedding-in of the new arrangement in PPE.” The amendment to the FHS PPE examination regulations specifies which PPEists will take the old syllabus and which ones the new syllabus.

2. The *Statistical Methods in Economics* paper was removed in 2010.

3-9. Minor stylistic changes.

10. The PPE Committee approved the removal of the need for countersignatures in section 399 (b) because Committee members did not feel that tutors are in a position to confirm whether the statements are true. If it is only “to the best of their knowledge” then they did not feel that countersigning the declaration served a useful purpose.