

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 (18/11/2019) and on behalf of Education Committee (12/03/2020)

Master of Philosophy in Development Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Amendment to the method of assessment of option papers to permit students to take option papers that are assessed by coursework essay, in addition to option papers that are assessed by a three-hour written examination.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2019*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2019-20/mopindevstud/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2019

For first final examination from 2020-21

Detail of change

Amend text as follows:

~~1.21 (b) Two written papers selected from a range of options papers. Details of the options papers available will be notified during the first year of the course. Candidates may include subjects offered in other relevant masters degrees in the University, subject to permission from the relevant Graduate Studies Committee and from the MPhil Teaching Committee. Applications to do this must normally be made by the first Friday of Trinity Term in the student's first year.~~

(b) Two options courses. Options courses will be assessed either by a timed written examination or by an option course essay normally in Trinity term of the second year of study. Details of the options papers available and the submission requirements for each option will be made available during the

first year of the course. Candidates may offer an option course in other relevant masters degrees in the University, subject to permission from the relevant Graduate Studies Committee and from the MPhil Teaching Committee. Applications to do this must be made following the requirements and by the date specified in the Course Handbook.

Where an option course is assessed by an essay and is selected from the list of option courses of the MPhil in Development Studies, candidates will be required to submit the essay electronically via the MPhil in Development Studies learning platform by the time and date specified in the Course Handbook. The essay must be anonymous and accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work.

Where an option course is assessed by an essay and is offered in another relevant masters degree in the University, candidates are required to follow the submission requirements of the degree in question.

^{1.22}7.2. Failure in one or more components of the final year examination results in failure of the degree. Candidates may re-take the examination assessment of the failed options paper(s) and/or resubmit the thesis in Trinity Term of the following academic year.

Explanatory Notes

Amendment to permit students to take option papers that are assessed by coursework essay, in addition to option papers that are assessed by a three-hour written examination.