

## 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 (04/07/2019)

**Master of Philosophy in Politics (Comparative Government, Political Theory, European Politics and Society)**

**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/mopip-cg-ptepasoci/administratorview/>

#### Effective date

**For students starting from MT 2020**

**For first final examination from 2021-22**

#### Detail of change

Amend the regulations as follows:

<sup>1.24</sup>(2) Two papers, taken from the approved list of optional subjects in Politics, as published in the *Student Handbook* by the Politics Graduate Studies Committee on Monday of first week of Michaelmas Term each academic year (to apply to candidates being examined in the Trinity Term of that year). Candidates should note that the Politics subjects available in any particular year will depend on the availability of teaching resources. Not all subjects will be available in every year, and restrictions may be placed on the number of candidates permitted to offer certain subjects in any particular year. The method of assessment will be either timed written examination or extended essay and will be specified in the approved list of optional subjects. The submission requirements for each optional subject will be specified in the approved list of optional subjects.

<sup>1.25</sup>Candidates may, with special permission of the Politics Graduate Studies Committee, offer subjects outside this list. Applications must be made by the last Friday of the Trinity Term preceding that in which the examination is to be taken, and must be supported by the candidate's supervisor. Supervisors should ensure that applications are submitted as early as possible so that if approval is not granted the candidate has sufficient time to choose an alternative.

<sup>1.26</sup>When candidates sit optional papers offered at departments other than the Department of Politics and International Relations, they are bound by the regulations of the M.Phil. in Politics.

Where optional subjects are examined by extended essay, candidates will propose essay topics in consultation with their supervisor or relevant course provider. The proposed essay title, countersigned by the supervisor, must be submitted for approval of the Chair of Examiners by no later than noon on Friday of the eighth week of the term in which the instruction for that subject is completed. Candidates must upload their extended essay to the Assignments section of the course WebLearn site no later than noon on Monday of the seventh week of Trinity term in the second year of the course. Essays should bear the candidate's examination number but not their name.

With respect to extended essays and theses, only the file submitted via WebLearn constitutes a valid submission, no concomitant hard-copy submission may be submitted for any purpose. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work.

### **Explanatory Notes**

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