

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

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**Social Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved at the meeting of Teaching Audit Committee on 01/06/18**

**Title of Programme**

MSc Migration Studies

**Brief note about nature of change:** removal of viva voce examinations and updates to core course title and details

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2017* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mosbcinmigrstud/studentview/>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2018**

**For first examination from 2018-19**

**Detail of change**

1. Amend citation reference 1.1 as follows:

'1. The course shall be under the supervision of the Migration Studies Teaching Committee and regulated by the joint Graduate Studies Committee of the Social Sciences Board shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee, which shall consist of the Directors of the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) and of the International Migration Institute (IMI) ex officio, the course director, and two other members of the teaching staff drawn from the Oxford Department of International Development and the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, which shall have the power to arrange lectures and other instruction. The course director shall be responsible to that committee.'

2. Amend citation reference 1.2 as follows:

'2. Candidates must follow a course of instruction in Migration Studies for at least

three terms and will, when entering for the examinations, be required to produce a certificate from their supervisor to this effect. Candidates will be expected to attend such lectures and seminars as their supervisor/course director shall recommend.'

3. Delete citation reference 1.4 as follows:

~~'4. The examiners may at their discretion require any candidate to attend for a viva voce examination.'~~

4. Amend citation reference 1.5 as follows:

~~'54.~~ Each candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in five papers in accordance with I, II, III, IV, and V below.'

5. Amend citation reference 1.6 as follows:

~~'I International Migration in the Social Sciences: An Interdisciplinary Introduction'~~

6. Amend citation reference 1.7 as follows:

~~'6. The This paper will provide an interdisciplinary perspective on history and politics of global mobility and migration, as well as engage with different epistemological approaches to studying mobility and migration. cover theories and approaches in migration studies; basic concepts in migration studies; types of human migration and mobility; the history and development of migration studies.~~ Assessment of this paper will take place in the form of one written essay of a maximum of 5,000 words (excluding notes and bibliography). This essay will be expected to display an understanding of key concepts and analysis in the economics, politics, sociology and anthropology of migration. Candidates shall submit their essay to the Examination Schools no later than 12 noon on Tuesday of the first week of the Hilary Term of the course, accompanied by a statement that the essay is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.'

7. Amend citation reference 1.9 as follows:

~~'76.~~ This paper will be examined by means of a three-hour written examination to be taken during Trinity Term. Candidates will be expected to display understanding of the major debates in contemporary migration, including theoretical and practical thematic questions and issues that currently drive research in the field of migration studies. Topics to be covered will vary from year to year, depending on changes in the focus of migration studies.'

8. Amend citation reference 1.11 as follows:

~~'87.~~ Candidates' understanding of the two options they choose will be assessed through two sets of questions in an options paper. A list of papers approved for this purpose by the Standing Committee will be available from the course director by Monday of sixth week of Michaelmas Term. Students are free to elect any one of these papers in consultation with their supervisor. The examiners may, at their discretion, either require candidates to sit the standard examination paper for this elective paper, or else set a paper specifically for students on the M.Sc. in Migration

Studies.'

**9. Amend citation reference 1.13 as follows:**

'~~98~~. Each student must display an understanding of research methods relevant to migration studies, which will be assessed by satisfactory completion of a course of practical work. This paper will cover (i) participant observation, in-depth interviewing, archival research, and qualitative data analysis; (ii) basic principles of statistical inference, and statistical models for the analysis of quantitative social science data; (iii) methods of data collection, including questionnaire design, interviewing and coding; and (iv) basic principles of statistical modelling in the social sciences.'

**10. Amend citation reference 1.14 as follows:**

'~~409~~. Assessment of this paper shall take the form of two pieces of coursework, written during Michaelmas Term and Hilary Term. Candidates shall submit a portfolio consisting of copies of all coursework to the Examination Schools no later than 12 noon on Tuesday of eighth week of the Trinity Term of the course, accompanied by a statement that the coursework is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.'

**11. Amend citation reference 1.16 as follows:**

'~~104~~. Each candidate shall be required to submit a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words (excluding references and appendices) on a subject approved by the supervisor. The candidate shall send to the Standing Committee, with the written approval of his or her supervisor, the proposed title of the dissertation for consideration by the Standing Committee, by noon on the Friday of the ~~first~~ second week of Hilary Term in the academic year in which his or her name was entered on the Register of M.Sc. Students.'

**12. Amend citation reference 1.17 as follows:**

'~~112~~. The dissertation (three copies) must be typewritten and delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than noon on Thursday of eighth week of Trinity Term in the year in which the examination is taken. An electronic copy must also be submitted to the M.Sc in Migration Studies Course Coordinator, again by the date and time specified above. The dissertation must be presented in proper scholarly form, in 1.5 line spacing and double-sided on A4 paper, each copy bound or held firmly in a stiff cover. The dissertation must be marked for the attention of the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc. in Migration Studies, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. The word count shall be stated on the outside front cover of the dissertation. The examiners shall retain a copy of the dissertation of each candidate who passes the examination for deposit in the Social Sciences Library.'

**13. Delete citation reference 1.18 as follows:**

~~'13. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole~~

examination.'

14. Amend citation reference 1.19 as follows:

'124. If it is the opinion of the examiners that the work done by a candidate is not of sufficient merit to qualify for the degree of M.Sc., the candidate shall be given the option of re-sitting the M.Sc. examination on one further occasion only, normally not later than one year after the first attempt.'

### **Explanatory Notes**

Changes to:

- i. Update title of core course, in line with paper title currently used
- ii. Update core course description
- iii. Remove viva voce examinations
- iv. Update details about course governance
- v. Delete reference to distinction