

**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 Modern South Asian Studies

**Brief note about nature of change:** amendment to assessment

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2017* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mosbcimodesoutasiastud/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 Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee. The Course Director(s) will, where possible, rotate between members of the Faculty of Oriental Studies and the Oxford School of ~~Interdisciplinary~~ Global and Area Studies.’

2. 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 ~~two~~ one take-home 5,000 word maximum essays. ~~The first essay will be issued on Friday of Week 8 of Michaelmas Term and should be submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 1 of Hilary Term, and the second essay~~ This will be issued on Friday Monday of Week 8 of Hilary Term and should be submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 1 of Trinity Term.’

**3. Amend citation reference 1.10 as follows:**

'5. Candidates will choose ~~three~~ two option papers from a list approved by the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee each of which will be assessed by one three-hour written examination in Trinity Term. This list will be published by the Course Director(s) in the Course Handbook at the beginning of each academic year. The availability of options in any one year will depend on teaching resources and the level of student interest. Students should select ~~three~~ two of these papers in consultation with their supervisor. Native speakers or advanced learners may substitute one option paper with an appropriate advanced language option (further details are provided in the Course Handbook). With special permission of the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee, candidates may choose papers offered by other relevant Master's degrees in the University, subject also to permission by the relevant Graduate Studies Committee. Candidates will take the standard assessment for such options.'

**4. Delete citation reference 1.14 as follows:**

~~'9. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.'~~

**5. Amend citation reference 1.15 as follows:**

~~'409.~~ 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. If a candidate fails ~~any~~ 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:

Reduce the assessment for the core course from 2 essays to 1

Reduce the number of option papers taken from 3 to 2

Update the name of the department

Remove reference to the award of distinction