

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

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Social Sciences Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of the Teaching Audit Committee on 15/07/16

Title of Programme

Research Degrees in Politics and International Relations

Brief note about nature of change: amendment to the requirements for the thesis by papers route

Effective date

With immediate effect

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2015 pg 865 l.1-11

Detail of change

6. ~~Three~~Four paper route

A D.Phil. thesis may be accepted for examination if it consists of a minimum of ~~four~~three academic papers of publishable quality, framed by an introduction, a survey of literature and a conclusion. Such a body of work shall be deemed acceptable provided it represents a coherent and focused body of research, addressing one overarching research question. Current overall word limits and conditions are detailed in the D.Phil. Student Handbook. Candidates wishing to proceed in this manner must be approved at the time of Transfer of status.

If, after a petition is accepted, a candidate wishes to revert to a standard D.Phil. thesis format, the candidate must lodge a petition with his or her supervisor to be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies, showing good cause for the change.

Explanatory Notes

Change to the requirements for the thesis by papers route