

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 Teaching Audit Committee on 08/07/16

Title of Programme

MPhil Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation

Brief note about nature of change: updates to text, change to require online submission and change to research methods

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2016

For first examination from 2017-18

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2015

Detail of change

Master of Philosophy in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation (EBSIPE)

(See also the general notice at the commencement of these regulations.)

1. Candidates must follow for at least six terms a course of instruction in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation.

2. *Qualifying Test*

Every candidate must pass a qualifying test at the end of ~~the third term from the beginning of the course~~ Trinity Full Term in the *two* compulsory papers, either *Evidence-Based Social Intervention or Policy Evaluation*, and *Research-Evaluation* Methods and one *Optional Paper* from the list of optional papers ~~specified by the Department of Social~~

~~Policy and Intervention. This will be from a list~~ published annually by Friday of the sixth week of Michaelmas Full Term in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention. The examiners may examine candidates viva voce. Candidates who fail the qualifying test will be allowed to retake the test before the beginning of the first week of the next academic year. The Social Policy and Intervention Graduate Studies Committee can decide that the retake shall consist of the whole test or parts thereof.

3. Final Examination

Every candidate must offer:

- (i) One further optional paper, ~~also examined by a three-hour unseen written exam~~. This will be from a list published annually by Friday of the sixth week of Michaelmas Full Term in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention.
- (ii) ~~One research~~A thesis~~1-of not more than 30,000 words~~, on a topic related to, and attentive to the evidence-based social intervention, policy evaluation or evaluation methods. ~~The subject of the thesis must be approved by the supervisor on behalf of the Department and it should not exceed 30,000 words in length. Two type-written copies of the thesis should be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. The thesis must be submitted via WebLearn~~ by noon of Friday of the sixth week of Trinity Full Term in which the examination is to be taken. ~~One electronic copy of the thesis must be submitted along with the physical copy to the Examination Schools.~~ The ~~electronic copy~~thesis must be anonymous, ~~and~~ submitted in ~~W~~word format, ~~and identical in content and length to the physical copy of the thesis~~. Successful candidates may be required to deposit a hard copy of their thesis in the Social Science Library.

The examiners may examine any candidate viva voce.

The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination on the basis of the material submitted to them in both the qualifying test and the final examination.

Compulsory Papers

Evidence-Based Social Intervention ~~and/or~~ *Policy Evaluation*. As specified for the M.Sc. in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation.

~~Research~~Evaluation *Methods*. As specified for the M.Sc. in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation.

Optional Papers

These will be from a list published annually by Friday of the sixth week of Michaelmas Full Term in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention. ~~Not every option will be offered in any one year, and applicants for admission will be advised of this. Areas from which options~~

~~may be offered include: promoting the welfare of children and families; multicultural mental health interventions; substance misuse and offending; interventions in relation to HIV and AIDS; community analysis and community-based intervention; refugees and asylum seekers. Certain other options from the M.Sc. in Comparative Social Policy may also be available in any one year. The list of options will be published annually by Friday of the sixth week of Michaelmas Full Term in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention. In exceptional circumstances and with the special permission of the Course Director, the optional paper may be from subjects outside this list.~~

Explanatory Notes

Updates to text, change to require online submission and change to research methods.

The Department is contacting offer-holders to inform them of the changes.