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

SSD/2/2/4

Social Sciences Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of Teaching Audit Committee on 06/07/16 and on behalf of Education Committee 11/07/16

Title of Programme

MSc Major Programme Management

Brief note about nature of change: change to suspension arrangements

Effective date

With immediate effect

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2015

Detail of change

- 1. Candidates will follow for six termstwenty four months (part time), a programme of instruction in Major Programme Management and will, when entering for the examination, be required to produce a certificate to this effect from a supervisor of the M.Sc. in Major Programme Management appointed for the purpose.
- 2. The programme will consist of eight compulsory courses, as prescribed in the schedule, and a dissertation of 10,000 words. Candidates must satisfy the examiners in the assessment (assignment/practical work) associated with each component. Modes of assessment and submission dates will be published by the M.Sc. Director and distributed to all candidates in the first week of the Michaelmas Term of the year in which the assessment takes place. The dissertation should demonstrate an ability to identify, formulate, implement and present a project in the area of Major Programme Management. Two typewritten copies of the dissertation, not exceeding 10,000 words in

length (including endnotes, appendices, tables, but excluding references), must be submitted to the Examination Schools and addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the M.Sc. in Major Programme Management, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon on the first Monday of September in the calendar year in which the examination is taken.

- 3. Candidates who fail to satisfy the Examiners in the assessment of any one of the components may retake/resubmit the failed assessment only once, no more than six months after the release of results for the original piece of assessment. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the dissertation may resubmit it on one, but no more than one, occasion which shall be by Week 10 of the Hilary Term in the following year.
- 4. The Examiners may choose to examine any candidate or group viva voce.
- 5. The Examiners may award a distinction for overall excellence in the examination.

6. If, for good cause, a student is temporarily unable to carry out their studies, the MSc Director(s) concerned may grant him or her a request for a temporary suspension of status, for not less than three and not more than twelve months at any one time. Applications for suspension of status should be made to the MSc Director(s) concerned, c/o the relevant Graduate Studies Assistant; and will require additional approval from the Director of Graduate Studies. No student may be granted more than twenty four months' suspension of status in this way by the MSc Director.

Explanatory Notes

Change to allow suspensions by months rather than terms.