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

Social Sciences Board

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

Title of Programme

MSc Social Science of the Internet (Part-time)

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

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2016

For first examination from 2017-18

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2015

Detail of change

For students starting from MT 2016: Master of Science by Coursework in Social Science of the Internet (Part-time)

1. Candidates must follow for six terms a course of instruction in Social Science of the Internet.

2. The examination will be in eleven parts, split over two years as follows:

(i) First year:

Part 1: Compulsory core methods paper in 'Digital Social Research Methods: Methods Core' assessed by written coursework. Details of and arrangements for submission of the written coursework shall be notified to candidates by the end of 4th week of Michaelmas Term.

Parts 3-4: Two methods option modules, to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Students will normally select one module from the first four-week period and one module from the second four-week period of the list. Students wishing to take more than two options during a single year must first seek permission from the Director of Graduate Studies. Not all methods options may be available every year. The methods option papers will be assessed by arrangements which are specified in the reading lists for each module, details and arrangements for submission of which shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.

Part 7:(a) Compulsory core paper in 'Social Dynamics of the Internet', assessed by examination.

(b) Compulsory core methods paper in 'Digital Social Research Methods: Methods Core' assessed by written coursework. Details of and arrangements for submission of the written course work shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.

Part 9:(c) One option paper, to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute website annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Not all options may be available every year. The option papers will be assessed by written courseworkarrangements which are specified in the reading lists for each paper, details of and arrangements for submission of which shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.

(d) Two methods option modules, to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Students will normally select two modules from the first four-week period and two modules from the second four-week period of the list. Students wishing to take three options during a single four-week period must first seek permission from the Director of Graduate Studies. Not all methods options may be available every year. The methods option papers will be assessed by arrangements which are specified in the reading lists for each module, details and arrangements for submission of which shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.

In addition, students will be required to write a 2,000 word thesis proposal during Trinity Term and the long vacation, to be submitted by noon on Monday of week 1 of their second year. Students will give a formal presentation of their thesis proposal and will receive written formative feedback from a member of faculty other than their supervisor.

(ii) Second year:

Part 2: Compulsory core paper in 'Digital Social Research Methods: Statistics Core' assessed by examinations.

Parts 5-6: Two further methods option modules, to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Students will normally select one module from the first four-week period and one module from the second four-week period of the list. Students wishing to take more than two options during a single year must first seek permission from the Director of Graduate Studies. Not all methods options may be available every year. The methods option papers will be assessed

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Part 8:(e) Compulsory core paper in 'Internet Technologies and Regulation', assessed by examination.

 (f) Compulsory core paper in 'Digital Social Research Methods: Statistics Core' assessed by examinations.

Part 10:(g) One further option paper, to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute website annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Not all options may be available every year. The option papers will be assessed by written courseworkarrangements which are specified in the reading lists for each paper, details of and arrangements for submission of which shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.

(h) Two further methods option modules, to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Students will normally select two modules from the first four-week period and two modules from the second four-week period of the list. Students wishing to take three options during a single four-week period must first seek permission from the Director of Graduate Studies. Not all methods options may be available every year. The methods option papers will be assessed by arrangements which are specified in the reading lists for each module, details and arrangements for submission of which shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.

Part 11:(i) A thesis of between 10,000 andnot to exceed 15,000 words on a topic within the subject of the course, to be specified jointly by supervisor and student, and approved by the programme director of the course and the Board of Examiners. Two written copies of tThe thesis must be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford,must be submitted via WebLearn by noon of the weekday on or nearest to the 1st of August of the year in which the degree is to be taken. Successful candidates will be required to deposit a copy of their thesis in the Oxford Internet Institute Library.

3. All written assignments must be uploaded to the course WebLearn site by the times and dates specified at the start of the course. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work.

43. The examiners may examine any candidate viva voce.

54. The examiners may award a Distinction for excellence in the whole examination on the basis of the material submitted to them.

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