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 17/11/17 and by Education Committee on 06/02/18

Title of Programme

MSc African Studies

Brief note about nature of change: change to 1+1 MBA bridging programme

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2017* http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mosbcinafristud/studentview/

Effective date

With immediate effect, for students who started in MT 2017

Detail of change

Amend citation reference 1.15-1.19 as follows:

'Candidates registered on the Oxford 1+1 MBA programme will follow an additional two or three month bridging programme at the end of their third term of the combined programme.

Each candidate will be appointed an academic advisor from the Saïd Business School to plan an individual course of study which will include as a minimum, the following three compulsory elements:

(i) Attendance of one of the summer elective programmes offered for the Master of
Business Administration to be published by the MBA Director before the first
Monday of the preceding term. Candidates would be required to undertake all
assessments and receive feedback, but would not obtain credit towards the MBA.
Candidates are not permitted to subsequently undertake the same elective as part

of the MBA programme the following year.

(ii) A formatively assessed assignment of no more than 5,000 up to 3,000 words (including all prefatory matter and appendices) supervised by the Saïd Business School academic advisor, which will relate the Master's degree learning to an appropriate area of the MBA programme. Candidates would also be required to present a work plan related to this assignment to the 1+1 programme class.

(iii) Attendance of the MBA pre-course as described in the joining instructions for the MBA class, unless granted exemption by the MBA Committee on the grounds of prior formal study or work experience.

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- (i) Normally two meetings during the bridging programme with the senior advisor appointed by the Saïd Business School at the start of the Oxford 1+1 MBA programme.
- (ii) A formatively assessed Integrative Development Plan of up to 3,000 words. Candidates would be required to critically reflect on their learning from the Masters programme and relate this both to their forthcoming MBA programme as well as to their career goals. The meetings with the advisor will frame the design, delivery and discussion of the plan.
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Explanatory Notes

Changes to the bridging programme for 1+1 MBA students.

Vested interests – the affected students on course were consulted and were content with the changes to the bridging programme.

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