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

Social Sciences Board

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Title of programme
MPhil Economics

Brief note about nature of change:
Amendments to the titles of current option modules, the introduction of a new option in Theory Based Empirical Analysis, and a number of minor changes to the regulations for the purposes of clarification

Effective date
1 October 2013

Location of change
Examination Regulations 2012

Detail of change
1. P.520, delete l.29.33.
2. P.520, l.44-45, delete “Questions in part A will involve the use of mathematical techniques.”.
3. P.521, l.30-31, delete “Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of their thesis in the Economics Library,” and insert “Successful candidates will have one copy of their thesis deposited in the Economics Library by the Department at the end of the examination.”.
4. P.521, l.34, delete “are normally available in the following subject areas” and insert “may be offered from the following list”.
5. P.521, l.43, delete “: The Microeconomics of Development”.

6. P.522, l.1, delete “: Topics in Development Economics”.

7. P.522, l.2, delete “: The Great Divergence”.

8. P.522, l.3, delete “: Money, Finance and Cycles in History”.

9. P.522, l.6, delete “: Pricing and Competition Analysis”.

10. P.522, l.7, delete “: Market Structure and Industry Performance”.

11. P.522, l.10, delete “: The Economics of Pay and Personnel”.

12. P.522, l.11, after “Economics” delete “.”.


14. P.522, l.12-14, delete “A descriptive list of second year papers for an academic year, together with their rubrics, will be published before the beginning of the year by the Department of Economics.”.

15. P.522, l.14-15, delete “Not all second year papers on the descriptive list may be available in that year.” And insert “Not all papers on this list will be available every year.”.


17. P.522, after l.17, insert “The examiners will not provide calculators, but will permit the use of a hand-held pocket calculator in the examination room, both for the first year examinations and for the final examination, subject to the conditions set out under the heading ‘Use of calculators in examinations’ in the Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations.

A list of permitted calculators will be reviewed annually in the week prior to the first full week of Michaelmas Term and published by the Department of Economics on its website.”.


Explanatory Notes

Clauses 1 and 17: Clause 1 removes the text relating to the use of Calculators in examinations from the beginning of the regulations entry for the MPhil in Economics, and Clause 17 moves the text (with some minor amendments and additions) to the end of the regulations entry.

Clause 2: Removes the declaration that part A of the examination will involve the use of mathematical techniques.

Clause 3: Clarification that the department will deposit one copy of a candidate’s thesis in the Economics Library.

Clause 4: Removal of reference to the availability of second year papers and clarification
that second year papers can be offered from the list that follows.

Clauses 5-11: Amendments to the titles of option modules in order to accommodate for any staffing changes, etc that occur and require flexibility in relation to the specific content of modules.

Clause 12: Minor stylistic change.


Clauses 14;16: Minor stylistic changes to the regulations pertaining to the availability of papers.

Clause 18: Removal of the end section relating to the rules governing the use of calculators in examinations (section no longer needed due to the effect of Clauses 1 and 17).