

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

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Social Sciences Board

Approved by the Teaching Audit Committee on 07/07/15 (Chair's action)

Title of Programme

BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Brief note about nature of change:

- (i) Introduction of Special Subjects in Economics
- (ii) Rubric change for Quantitative Economics

Effective date

For students starting FHS from MT 2015

For first examination from 2016-17

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2014

Detail of changes

1. P378, I34-35

321. The Philosophy and Economics of the Environment (126)

398. Special subject in Economics

399. Thesis (199, 298, 299)

2. P384, I21-33

300. *Quantitative Economics*

~~Unconditional Modelling: Descriptive statistics, basic statistical distributions and~~

~~applications to economic data, sampling and hypothesis testing.~~

~~Conditional Modelling: Binary data with regressors, regression analysis with two and three variables, testing and interpretation of regression results.~~

~~Time series Modelling: introduction to issues of temporal correlation and regression analysis.~~

~~Empirical applications in micro and macroeconomics: Interpretation of current literature in two areas of microeconomics and two areas of macroeconomics. Topics will be announced at the beginning of Michaelmas Term for examination in Trinity Term two years later.~~

~~The examination will include questions covering theoretical issues and interpretation of econometric results.~~

Statistical and causal inference. Multivariate regression analysis. Testing and interpretation of regression results. Empirical applications and interpretation of current and recent literature in a number of areas of empirical economics.

P.388, I14 insert:

"398. Special Subject in Economics

Special Subjects will be examined by examination paper. No candidate may offer more than one Special Subject. The list of Special Subjects will be published by the Department of Economics at its 'Options Fair' at the beginning of the fourth week of the first Hilary Full Term of candidates' work for the Honour School, and will be posted on the Department's undergraduate web-site at the same time. Depending on the availability of teaching resources, not all Special Subjects will be available in every year. There may be no Special Subjects offered in a particular year. "

Explanatory Notes

1. Introduces the possibility of taking a special subject in line with the regulations for Philosophy and Politics. This change also introduces the option of a special subject to the FHS of Economics and Management and the History and Economics.

2. Amends the rubric for the Quantitative Economics paper following the introduction of Political Analysis to the Politics Prelim course as part of Q-Step. This paper is offered as part of the FHS for PPE, Economics and Management and History and Economics, and the changes apply therefore apply to all three programmes.