

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 09/07/15 (Chair's action)

Title of Programme

DPhil Management Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Clarification of the requirements of the PRS course and for Transfer of Status

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2015

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2014

Detail of change

Delete P851 I24-47 and insert:

1. Probationer Research Students

All students are normally admitted as Probationer Research Students (PRS) and follow either the "Management Research" or "Financial Economics" pathway as set out in the Course Handbook.

Management Research pathway

- (a) During their first year, Probationer Research Students will be required to attend the following three core modules, and in consultation with their supervisor, will additionally attend either one or two Advanced Research Methods courses and two or three specialist electives as set out in the Course Handbook.

- (i) Introduction to Management Research Methods

- (ii) Statistical Research Methods
- (iii) Management and Organisation Theory

(b) All students shall satisfactorily complete the courses and coursework as determined by the supervisor and/or DPhil Committee, unless granted a dispensation by the DPhil Committee based on completion of a similar course prior to commencement of the D.Phil.

Financial Economics pathway

(a) During their first year, Probationer Research Students will be required to attend the following four core modules from the MSc in Financial Economics programme, and in consultation with their supervisor, will attend four options offered for the second year of the MPhil in Economics, one of which must be either Financial Economics I or Financial Economics II. In special circumstances, where a student has taken a sustainably similar course prior to enrolment, they may substitute MPhil in Economics courses for the required MSc in Financial Economics core courses. Any substitution must be agreed to by both the Programme Director and the student's supervisor.

- (i) Asset Pricing
- (ii) Corporate Finance
- (iii) Economics
- (iv) Financial Econometrics

(b) All students shall satisfactorily complete the courses and coursework as determined by the supervisor and/or DPhil Committee, unless granted a dispensation by the DPhil Committee based on completion of a similar course prior to commencement of the D.Phil.

2. Transfer of status

Students who have taken the MSc in Financial Economics prior to commencing their D.Phil study as a PRS are normally expected to transfer status in their third term. All students must transfer status by the end of their fourth term.

Applications for transfer of status must be submitted to the D.Phil Committee and should be comprised of the following:

(a) A transfer of status form (GSO.2), signed by the student's supervisor and an appropriate college officer. The candidate should indicate clearly on the form the status to which he or she wishes to transfer;

(b) Passes in all of the examinations and coursework approved by the student's supervisor, as stated in 1 above;

(c) A satisfactory research proposal or research outline;

(d) One draft chapter of the thesis

Explanatory Notes

Changes to provide more detailed information on the requirements of the PRS course and for Transfer of Status