

**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 30/06/15 (Chair's Action)**

**Title of Programme**

MPhil Criminology and Criminal Justice

**Brief note about nature of change:** removal of references to discontinued programme, removal of research methods course

**Effective date**

**With immediate effect** (i.e. for those students starting the second year in MT 2015)

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* 2014

**Detail of change**

**1. P464, I43 – P466, I21:**

1. Candidates must follow for at least six terms a course of instruction in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

2. There shall be a Board of Studies for the course, to be chaired by the Director of Graduate Studies for Criminology, and also comprising all the members of the Board of Examiners for the Master of Philosophy in Criminology and Criminal Justice for the current year, the Director or Assistant Director of the Centre for Criminology, and a student representative (the latter for open business only).

3. *Admissions*

Candidates may signify their intention to take the M.Phil. in Criminology and Criminal Justice when they apply for the M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice ~~or the M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Research Methods)~~ or after they have been admitted. In either case, a formal application, the form for

which is obtainable from the Graduate Studies Office, must then be made by Friday of Week Four of Trinity Term preceding the Michaelmas Term in which they wish to study for the M.Phil. Admission of those whose thesis topics are approved by the Centre for Criminology's Board of Studies and for whom that Committee certifies the availability of supervision will always be conditional on a specified level of performance in the Part I examination.

#### 4. *Residence*

Candidates must keep six terms statutory residence, which may include periods spent in residence while studying for the M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice ~~or the M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Research Methods)~~.

#### 5. *Courses and examination*

Candidates for the M.Phil. shall satisfactorily complete Part I and Part 2. Part I and Part 2 shall be taken in that order and shall normally be taken in successive years. A candidate wishing to take Part 2 but not to proceed directly from Part I to Part 2 in successive years must seek permission from the Centre for Criminology's Board of Studies. Part I shall consist of the courses and examinations as specified for the M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice ~~or the M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Research Methods)~~.

#### 6. (a) *Qualifying Test (Part 1)*

Every candidate must pass a qualifying test by the end of the third term from the beginning of the course, which shall consist of the elements as specified in cl. 3-7 of the examination regulations for the M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice ~~or cl. 3-7 of the examination regulations for the M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Research Methods)~~.

Candidates who fail the qualifying test may be allowed to be reassessed, as specified in cl. 10 of the examination regulations for the M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice ~~or cl. 10 of the examination regulations for the M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Research Methods)~~.

#### 6. (b) *Final examination (Part 2)*

Candidates shall follow a course of instruction in Empirical Research Methods, satisfy the examiners that they have completed to the required standard such tests or exercises in Research Methods as prescribed as part of such a course of instruction, and be examined by thesis which must not exceed 30,000 words and should not normally be less than 25,000 words. Candidates are required to deliver two typewritten copies of the thesis to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon on Friday of Week Eight of the Trinity Term in which the examination is to be taken.

The course in Empirical Research Methods shall be Research Design and Data Collection, and either Qualitative Methods or Quantitative Analysis for Social Sciences, ~~Social Explanation and Data Analysis~~, as specified for the M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice ~~and the M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Research Methods)~~. Where candidates have already taken these courses as part of the either M.Sc., they will not be required to take them a second time. Where a candidate has elected to write a thesis that draws significantly on legal research methods, the Director of Graduate Studies (Research)

for Criminology, at the suggestion of the prospective thesis supervisor, may grant the candidate exemption from taking Research Design and Data Collection, and either Qualitative Methods or Quantitative Analysis for Social Sciences ~~Social Explanation and Data Analysis~~ and instruct the candidate to take the Legal Research Method Course, as specified for the M.Phil. in Law.

7. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

8. Arrangements for reassessment shall be as follows:

Candidates who fail, or withdraw from, either Qualitative Methods or Quantitative Analysis for Social Sciences ~~Social Explanation and Data Analysis~~ may resubmit assessments in line with cl. 10 of the examination regulations for the MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Such candidates who have completed successfully all or part of any of the other components may carry forward the marks gained for the successfully completed parts of the degree.

Candidates who fail, or withdraw from, the Legal Research Method course as specified for the M.Phil. in Law (if they have received permission to take this course instead of Research Design and Data Collection and either Qualitative Methods or Quantitative Analysis for Social Sciences ~~Social Explanation and Data Analysis~~), may resit course elements according to the standard arrangements for reassessment for that course. Such candidates who have completed successfully all or part of any of the other components may carry forward the marks gained for the successfully completed parts of the degree.

Candidates who fail, or withdraw from, the M.Phil. thesis may resubmit the thesis to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon on Friday Week 8 of the term following publication of their results. Such candidates who have completed successfully all or part of any of the other components may carry forward the marks gained for the successfully completed parts of the degree.

### **Explanatory Notes**

1. Removal of all references to the MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice (Research Methods) programme, which is no longer running.

2. Replacement of 'Social Explanation and Data Analysis' research methods module with the choice of either 'Qualitative Methods' or 'Quantitative Analysis for Social Sciences'.