

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

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**Social Sciences Board**

**Approved by Teaching Audit Committee on 08/07/15 (Chair's Action)**

**Title of Programme**

MPhil Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation (EBSIPE)

**Brief note about nature of change:** change to require electronic submission

**Effective date**

**With immediate effect** (i.e. for students starting the second year in MT 2015, as there are no vested interests)

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* 2014, as amended by *Gazette* of date 26/03/15

**Detail of change**

**1. P.475, I48 – P.476, I40:**

*(See also the general notice at the commencement of these regulations.)*

1. Candidates must follow for at least six terms a course of instruction in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation.

2. *Qualifying Test*

Every candidate must pass a qualifying test at the end of the third term from the beginning of the course in the *two* compulsory papers, either *Evidence-Based Social Intervention* **[For students starting before MT 2015: and] [For students starting from MT 2015: or]** *Policy Evaluation*, and *Research Methods*, and one *Optional Paper* from the list of optional papers specified by the Department of Social Policy and Intervention. This will be from a list published annually by Friday of the sixth week of Michaelmas Full Term in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention. The examiners may

examine candidates viva voce. Candidates who fail the qualifying test will be allowed to retake the test before the beginning of the first week of the next academic year. The Social Policy and Intervention Graduate Studies Committee can decide that the retake shall consist of the whole test or parts thereof.

### 3. Final Examination

Every candidate must offer:

(i) One further optional paper. This will be from a list published annually by Friday of the sixth week of Michaelmas Full Term in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention.

(ii) A thesis{ [HYPERLINK "http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2014-15/mopie-bsiapebsi/administratorview/"](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2014-15/mopie-bsiapebsi/administratorview/) \l "d.en.176391" \o "Root &raquo; UAS Home &raquo; Examination Regulations &raquo; 2014-15 &raquo; Master of Philosophy in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation (EBSIPE) &raquo; Administrator View : 9" <sup>2</sup> of not more than 30,000 words , on a topic related to, and attentive to the **[For students starting before MT 2015: evidence-based social intervention and policy evaluation and evaluation methods]** **[For students starting from MT 2015: evidence-based social intervention, policy evaluation or evaluation methods.]** Two type written copies of the thesis should be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon of Friday of the sixth week of Trinity Full Term in which the examination is to be taken. One electronic copy of the thesis must be submitted along with the physical copy to the Examination Schools. The electronic copy must be anonymous, submitted in word format, and identical in content and length to the physical copy of the thesis. Successful candidates may be required to deposit a copy of their thesis in the Social Science Library.

The examiners may examine any candidate viva voce.

The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination on the basis of the material submitted to them in both the qualifying test and the final examination.

### **Compulsory Papers**

*Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation.* As specified for the M.Sc. in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation.

*Research Methods.* As specified for the M.Sc. in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation.

### **Optional Papers**

These will be from a list published annually by Friday of the sixth week of Michaelmas Full Term in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention. Not every option will be offered in any one year, and applicants for admission will be advised of this. Areas from which options may be offered include:

promoting the welfare of children and families; multicultural mental health interventions; substance misuse and offending; interventions in relation to HIV and AIDS; community analysis and community-based intervention; refugees and asylum seekers. Certain other options from the M.Sc. in Comparative Social Policy may also be available in any one year.

**Explanatory Notes**

1. Minor revision to text
2. Change to require electronic submission of thesis, in addition to hard copies.