

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

MSc Comparative Social Policy

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

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2015

For first examination from 2015-16

Location of change

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

Detail of change

1. P632, I2-27:

Every candidate must follow, for at least three terms, a course of instruction in Comparative Social Policy.

The examination will be in four parts.

A. [For students starting before MT 2015: Two] [For students starting from MT 2015: One] compulsory papers in *Methods of Social Research*. As specified for the M.Phil. in Comparative Social Policy.

B. [For students starting before MT 2015: A] [For students starting from MT 2015: One] compulsory paper in *Comparative Social Policy/Welfare States*. As specified for the M.Phil. in

Comparative Social Policy.

C. One optional paper. This may be from the list of optional papers as specified for the M.Phil. in Comparative Social Policy. Teaching in some options may not be available every year. Candidates may, after special permission of the Social Policy and Intervention Graduate Studies Committee, offer subjects outside this list. This may include papers offered in other relevant master's degrees in the University, subject to permission by the relevant Graduate Studies Committee as appropriate.

D. A thesis of not more than 10,000 words on a topic within the subject of the course, to be specified jointly by supervisor and student. The thesis should employ comparative method in the study of a social policy topic. Two typewritten copies of the thesis must be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon of the weekday on or nearest to 15 August of the year in which the examination is to be taken. This word count applies to the text, but does not include graphs, tables and charts in the main text, or bibliography. An additional word limit of 2,000 words in total applies to the abstract, footnotes, endnotes and technical appendices (including graphs, tables and charts). One electronic copy of the thesis must be submitted along with the physical copies to the Examination Schools. The electronic copy must be anonymous, submitted in word format, and identical in content and length to the physical copies 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.

Explanatory Notes

1. Minor text correction
2. Change to require electronic submission of thesis as well as hard copies.