

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

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**Social Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of Quality Assurance Committee (04/07/2019) and on behalf of Education Committee [Change 3] (15/07/2019)**

**Master of Business Administration (Full-time)**

**Brief note about nature of change:**

1. Introduction of a time limit for re-sits and re-submissions
2. Factual corrections to text, including to delete reference to an award of distinction
3. Amendment to the final outcome rules

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2018*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/mofbusiadmi/studentview/>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2019**

**For first examination from 2019-20**

**Detail of change**

1. Amend citation 1.25 as follows:

'Assignments and reports must be submitted online, as set out in the assessment section of the programme ~~WebLearn site~~ learning platform, by the stipulated submission date.'

2. Amend citation 1.28 as follows:

'4. A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in the examination may enter again on one, but not more than one, subsequent occasion for that part of the examination which he or she failed. Re-sits or re-submissions of assessed course components must take place no more than twelve months after the final meeting of the Board of Examiners.

excluding any period of suspension.'

3. Amend citation 1.37 as follows:

'6. Students must ~~satisfy the examiners in~~ attempt all assessments associated with components (a)-(e) above, but may fail ~~one of the eight courses from component (a) or one of the elective courses from component (b)~~ (or two half-elective courses) and still pass the programme as a whole. Candidates may be required to attend an oral examination on any part.'

4. Delete citation 1.38:

~~'7. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination to candidates for the Degree.'~~

5. Update citation 1.39 as follows:

~~'8~~7. In exceptional circumstances, a candidate wishing to take an examination later than the one to which he or she has been admitted may do so by application to the Chair of Examiners.'

### **Explanatory Notes**

The introduction of a time limit on re-sits and re-submissions is proposed in response to the inclusion of time limits on re-sitting taught course examinations in General Regulations with effect from entry in MT2019. This time limit had previously only been held in MBA examination conventions.

Students on the MBA currently take 21 credits, which includes 8 core courses which are each worth one credit. The MBA is awarded to candidates who pass 20 out of 21 possible credits; however, it is currently possible for students to pass the MBA having failed one of the core courses. A small number of cases occur each year, and, on the recommendation of the MBA Exam Board, it is proposed that students must pass all core course credits in order to complete the degree. Students will still be able to pass the degree having failed one elective credit (which may comprise of a single elective or two half electives).