

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 the Social Sciences Division Quality Assurance Committee on 4 July 2019

Master of Philosophy in Latin American Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Amendment to the assessment details and associated re-sit arrangements for Research Methods. Removal of the award of a distinction.

Location of change

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

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2019

For first examination (qualifying examination) from 2019-20

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.5 as follows:

“(b) Undertake the Research Methods for Area Studies course: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum take-home test in qualitative methods to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a one week take-home test in quantitative analysis to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Hilary Term. Two printed copies of each of the items of written work described above must be submitted to the Examination Schools, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the MPhil in Latin American Studies, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating it is the candidate's own work, a series of assignments and/or unseen written examinations in Research Methods for Area Studies as specified by the teaching committee for the M.Phil in Latin American Studies. The forms of assessment, and the dates and times of submission, where applicable, will be notified to students by not later than Friday of Week 0 of Michaelmas Full Term.

~~Students must pass all these assessments but the marks will not count toward the final degree mark. “~~

2. Amend citation 1.12 as follows:

~~“6. Candidates who fail the research methods course overall will be permitted to re-submit a new submission for the failed piece(s) of work within four weeks of publication of the failed mark, on a date specified by the Chair of Examiners. Candidates who fail any component of Research Methods for Area Studies will be required to retake it on a date stipulated by the Chair of Examiners, and pass it by the start of week 0 of Michaelmas Term of their second year of the course.”~~

3. Delete citation 1.20:

~~“11. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.”~~

Explanatory Notes

1. Amendment to the assessment for Research Methods
2. Amendment to the re-sit arrangements for Research Methods
3. Removal of the award of Distinction as covered by General Regulation