

**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 and by Chair's action on behalf of the Humanities Division Graduate Studies Committee on 16 July**

**Master of Philosophy in Modern South Asian Studies**

**Brief note about nature of change:** Amendment to the assessment for qualitative methods, and removal of the "What is South Asia" and research proposal assessments

**Location of change**

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

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2019**

**For first examination (first year examinations) from 2019-20**

**Detail of change**

1. Delete citation 1.9:

~~"All candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum 'What is South Asia?' essay by 12 noon on Monday of Week 5 of Michaelmas Term, and a 2,500 word maximum individual research proposal by 12 noon Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term."~~

2. Amend citation 1.10 as follows:

~~"In addition, c~~Candidates will complete one of the following three courses in Research Methods:"

3. Amend citation 1.11 as follows:

~~"(i) Research Methods for Area Studies: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data 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 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.”

4. Amend citation 1.12 as follows:

“(ii) Qualitative and Historical Methods: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum ~~practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data~~ 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 2,500 word essay on Historical Methods to be set by Monday of Week 4 of Hilary Term and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.”

### **Explanatory Notes**

1. Change to the assessment for qualitative methods in the Research Methods course
2. Removal of the requirement to submit the “What is South Asia?” essay
3. Removal of the requirement to submit a research proposal