

**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 Russian and East European Studies**

**Brief note about nature of change:** Amendment to the assessment details and associated re-sit arrangements for Research Methods. Add reference to merit in overall re-sit arrangements

**Location of change**

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

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2019**

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

**Detail of change**

1. Delete citation 1.7:

~~"All candidates will also be required to have demonstrated competence in Methods and Language as specified in Methods Requirement and Language Requirement."~~

2. Amend citation 1.8 as follows:

~~"*Methods Requirement.* All candidates will be required to pass the Research Methods requirement related to Russian and East European Studies and to have achieved pass marks for the assessed components, as specified in the Notes of Guidance of the year of Matriculation of the Candidates. Two printed copies of each of the written items required for the methods requirement must be submitted to the Examination Schools, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the MPhil in Russian and East European Studies, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford at the times and days specified in the Notes of Guidance. Each submission must be accompanied by a~~

~~declaration indicating it is the candidate's own work.~~ Research Methods for Area Studies: 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 Russian and East European 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."

3. Amend citation 1.10 as follows:

"Candidates who pass these qualifying papers and the extended essay may proceed to the second year of the course and take the final examination at the end of the second year. 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 one or more of the other examination papers or the extended essay may, by permission of the Russian and East European Studies Management Committee, proceed to the second year of the course and re-sit the failed papers on one subsequent occasion during the final examination. Candidates who have initially failed any element of assessment shall not normally be eligible for the award of merit or distinction."

### **Explanatory Notes**

1. Amendment to the assessment for Research Methods
2. Amendment to the re-sit arrangements for Research Methods
3. Clarification of possible degree outcomes following re-sits overall