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

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 Science by Coursework in Japanese Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Amendment to the assessment for qualitative methods, and removal of the research proposal assessment. Removal of the award of a distinction.

Location of change


Effective date

For students starting from MT 2019
For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.9 as follows:

“(i) Research Methods for Area Studies: A take-home test on Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data (word limit: 2500 words including footnotes but excluding bibliography) will be released on Monday of Week 8 of Michaelmas Term with the work to be submitted to the Examination Schools 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 with the work to be and submitted to the Examination Schools by 12 noon on Monday of Week 10 of Hilary Term; and a 2,500 word maximum individual research proposal by 12 noon Monday of week 9 of Hilary Term.”

2. Delete citation 1.15 and renumber:
“6. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.”

Explanatory Notes

1. Change to the assessment for qualitative methods in the Research Methods course
2. Removal of the requirement to submit a research proposal
3. Removal of the award of Distinction as covered by General Regulation