

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

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**Social Sciences Board**

**Approved by Teaching Audit Committee on 28 April 2014 and by Education Committee on 24 July 2014**

**Title of programme**

MSc Social Science of the Internet

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Changes to the Research Methods course.

**Effective date**

For students starting from MT 2014

For first examination from 2014-15

**Location of change**

Online *Examination Regulations*

**Detail of change**

1. Candidates must follow for three terms a course of instruction in Social Science of the Internet.
2. The examination will be in eleven parts, as follows:
  - A. Compulsory core paper in “Social Dynamics of the Internet”, assessed by examination.
  - B. Compulsory core paper in “Internet Technologies and Regulation”, assessed by examination.
  - C. Compulsory core methods paper in “Digital Social Research Methods: Methods Core” assessed by written coursework. Details of and arrangements for submission of the written course work shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of

Michaelmas Term.

**D.** Compulsory core paper in “Digital Social Research Methods: Statistics Core assessed by examinations.

**E.** Four (4) methods option modules, to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Students will normally select two modules from the first four-week period and two modules from the second four-week period of the list. Students wishing to take three options during a single four-week period must first seek permission from the Director of Graduate Studies. Not all methods options may be available every year. The methods option papers will be assessed by arrangements which are specified in the reading lists for each module, details and arrangements for submission of which shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.

**F.** Two (2) option papers, to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute website annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Not all options may be available every year. The option papers will be assessed by written coursework, details of and arrangements for submission of which shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.

**G.** A thesis of between 10,000 and 15,000 words on a topic within the subject of the course, to be specified jointly by supervisor and student, and approved by the programme director. Two written copies of the thesis must be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon of the weekday on or nearest to the 1st of August of the year in which the degree is to be taken. Successful candidates will be required to deposit a copy of their thesis in the Oxford Internet Institute Library.

3. The examiners may examine any candidate viva voce.
4. The examiners may award a Distinction for excellence in the whole examination on the basis of the material submitted to them.

### **Explanatory Notes**

Changes to revise provision of the existing “Social Research Methods and the Internet” course in Hilary Term, renaming the overall course “Digital Social Research Methods”, and introducing 4 four-week methods courses instead of 1 eight-week course in either “Advanced Quantitative Analysis” or “Advanced Qualitative Analysis”.