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

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Social Sciences Board

Approved by the Teaching Audit Committee on 16 March 2015

Title of Programme

BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Brief note about nature of change: change to allow students to take a Special Subject paper and thesis/dissertation

Effective date

For students starting FHS from MT 2015

For first examination from 2016-17

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2014

Detail of change

1. P377, I21 - P378, I37:

198. Special Subjects

199. Thesis (298, 299, 399)

Politics (including Sociology)

Candidates should note that the Politics subjects available in any particular year will depend on the availability of teaching resources. Not all subjects will be available in every year and restrictions may be placed on the number of candidates permitted to offer certain subjects in any particular year.

- 201. Comparative Government
- 202. British Politics and Government since 1900
- 203. Theory of Politics (114)
- 204. Modern British Government and Politics
- 205. Government and Politics of the United States
- 206. Politics in Europe
- 207. Politics in Russia and the Former Soviet Union
- 208. Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa
- 209. Politics in Latin America
- 210. Politics in South Asia
- 211. Politics in the Middle East
- 212. International Relations in the Era of Two World Wars
- 213. International Relations in the Era of the Cold War
- 214. International Relations
- 215. Political Thought: Plato to Rousseau
- 216. Political Thought: Bentham to Weber
- 217. Marx and Marxism
- 218. Sociological Theory
- 219. The Sociology of Post-Industrial Societies
- 220. Political Sociology
- 222. Labour Economics and Industrial Relations (307)
- 223. The Government and Politics of Japan
- 224. Social Policy
- 225. Comparative Demographic Systems (315)
- 226. Quantitative Methods in Politics and Sociology (313)

- 227. Politics in China
- 228. The Politics of the European Union
- 297. Special subject in Politics (199, 298, 299, 399)
- 298. Supervised dissertation (199, 297, 299, 399)
- 299. Thesis (199, 298, 399)

Economics

Not all Economics subjects may be offered in any particular year. There may also be restrictions on numbers permitted to offer some Economics subjects in any particular year.

Economics subjects available to candidates in any particular year will depend on the availability of teaching resources. Details of the choices available for the following year will be announced at the Economics Department's 'Options Fair' at the beginning of the fourth week of the first Hilary Full Term of candidates' work for the Honour School, and will be posted on the Department's undergraduate web-site at the same time.

- 300. Quantitative Economics
- 301. Macroeconomics
- 302. Microeconomics
- 303. Microeconomic Theory
- 304. Money and Banking
- 305. Public Economics
- 306. Economics of Industry
- 307. Labour Economics and Industrial Relations (222)
- 308. International Economics
- 309. Command and Transitional Economies
- 310. Economics of Developing Countries
- 311. British Economic History since 1870
- 314. Econometrics

- 315. Comparative Demographic Systems (225)
- 316. Economics of OECD Countries
- 317. Economic Decisions within the Firm
- 318. Finance
- 319. Game Theory
- 320. Mathematical Methods
- 321. The Philosophy and Economics of the Environment (126)
- 399. Thesis (199, 298, 299)

The Department of Economics should be consulted to confirm numbering and titles in the above list.

2. P383, 127 – P384, 120:

297. Special Subject in Politics (199, 298, 299, 399). Special Subjects will be examined by examination paper. No candidate may offer more than one Special Subject. A Special Subject may not be offered by candidates also offering a thesis (199, 299, 399) or Supervised dissertation (298). Depending on the availability of teaching resources, not all Special Subjects will be available to all candidates in every year. Candidates may obtain details of the choice of Special Subjects for the following year by consulting lists posted at the beginning of the fourth week of Hilary Term in the Department of Politics and International Relations and circulated to Politics tutors at colleges admitting undergraduates.

298. Supervised dissertation With the approval of the Politics sub-faculty, members of staff willing to supervise a research topic shall through the Administrator of the Department of Politics and International Relations place on the noticeboard of that Department not later than Friday of fourth week of Hilary Term a short description of an area of politics (including international relations and sociology) in which they have a special interest, a list of possible dissertation topics lying within that area, an introductory reading list, and a time and place at which they will meet those interested in writing a dissertation under their supervision for assessment in the following year's examination. Members of staff agreeing to supervise an undergraduate shall provide him or her with tutorials or intercollegiate classes equivalent to a term's teaching for a normal paper, the cost of such tutorials or classes to be met by the college. They shall notify the colleges of the undergraduates involved and the Administrator of the Department of Politics and International Relations. Candidates offering a thesis (199, 299, or 399) or a Special Subject in Politics (297) may not also offer a supervised dissertation. The regulations governing the length, the format, and the time, date and place of submission of a supervised dissertation shall be the same as those for the thesis. Every candidate who wishes to submit a supervised dissertation shall give notice of his or her intention to do so to the Registrar on his or her examination entry form. Every candidate shall sign a certificate to the effect that the supervised dissertation is his or her own work and that it has not already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another Honour School of this University or for a degree of any other institution. The supervisor(s)

shall countersign the certificate confirming that to the best of his, her or their knowledge and belief these statements are true, and shall also submit a short statement of the supervision provided, together with the original specification of the research topic and any other course material provided. The candidate's certificate and the supervisor's or supervisors' statements shall be presented together with the supervised dissertation. Candidates are warned that they should avoid repetition in papers of material in their supervised dissertation and that substantial repetition may be penalized. Every candidate who wishes to have his or her supervised dissertation returned is required to enclose with the thesis, in an envelope bearing only his or her candidate number, a self-addressed sticky label.

299. Thesis As specified for 399 below.

Explanatory Notes

Removing inconsistent rule which stops students being able to take the Politics Special Subject paper and writing a dissertation or thesis.