

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

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Social Sciences Board

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Title of Programme

MPhil International Relations

Brief note about nature of change: minor revisions to text

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2015

For first examination from 2015-16 (Qualifying Exam)

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2014

Detail of change

1. P490, I35 – P491, I33:

3. Details of the scope and coverage are given in the *Student Handbook*. ~~The examination shall take place on the Friday of eighth week of Trinity Term, the exact time to be set by the examiners.~~

4. The examiners must also be satisfied that candidates have satisfactorily completed their designated course of research training, and candidates must submit to the examiners all ~~course work~~ coursework completed as a part of their research methods training. The course work requirements, including administrative arrangements and dates of submission, are set out in the *Student Handbook*. Candidates should note that the *Student Handbook* will set dates for the submission (and, where necessary resubmission) of work for individual research modules.

5. Candidates who fail the written examination part of the first-year examination will

normally be allowed to retake it before the beginning of the next academic year. Candidates who fail the Research Design Proposal or the ~~coursework~~~~course work~~ submitted for the research modules may resubmit their work, resubmission dates are set out in the *Student Handbook*. ~~by the last Friday of August following the end of Trinity Full Term.~~

Final Examination

No candidate shall enter the final examination unless he or she has already passed the first-year examination or has been granted exemption by the Graduate Studies Committee as stated above. In the final examination every candidate must offer:

1. A thesis of not more than 30,000 words, excluding bibliography, to be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon on Monday in the first week of the Trinity Full Term in which the examination is to be taken. Two hard copies of the thesis, together with a copy on CD, must be accompanied by a separate signed declaration that it is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated and that it has not previously been submitted for assessment, either at Oxford or at another institution. After the examination process is complete, each successful candidate must deposit one hardbound copy of their thesis in the Bodleian Library.
2. Two subject papers taken from the approved list of optional subjects in International Relations, as published in the *Student Handbook* by the International Relations Graduate Studies Committee on Monday of first week of Michaelmas Term each academic year to apply to candidates being examined in the Trinity Term of that year. Candidates should note that the International Relations 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. Candidates may, with the special permission of the International Relations Graduate Studies Committee, offer subjects beyond the approved list of International Relations subjects. Applications must be made by the last Friday of the Trinity Term preceding that in which the examination is to be taken, and must be supported by the student's supervisor. Supervisors should ensure that applications are submitted as early as possible so that if approval is not given, the candidate has sufficient time to choose an alternative.
3. Candidates must present themselves for viva voce examination when requested by the examiners. The examiners shall not normally fail any candidate without inviting him or her to attend such an examination. However, in the case of a failing mark in ~~three~~~~two~~~~or more~~ of a candidate's final examination papers, the examiners shall not be obliged to ask the candidate for a viva.

The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

Explanatory Notes

Minor corrections to text, and removal of date for first year examination

