

**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 16/03/15**

**Title of Programme**

MSc Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation

**Brief note about nature of change:** minor correction to text

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2015**

**For first examination from 2015-16**

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* 2014

**Detail of change**

**1. P655, I46 – P656, I31:**

2. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

(i) A compulsory core paper, in either Evidence-Based Social Intervention and/or Policy Evaluation;

(ii) A compulsory Research Methods paper, for which students will be examined on the basis of a methods work book (consisting of two Quantitative and one Statistics assignments each of up to 3,000 words, and a Qualitative assignment of up to 2,000 words) and a critical methods essay of up to 2,500 words.

(iii) One Option paper;

(iv) A thesis of not more than 10,000 words, on a topic related to, and attentive to the

evidence-based intervention [and/or](#) evaluation methods, and decided jointly with, and approved by, the supervisor on behalf of the Department.

3. Two printed or word-processed copies of the Research Methods essay must be delivered to the M.Sc. Examiners (Evidence-Based Social Intervention), c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG, no later than 12 noon on Friday of sixth week of the Trinity Term in which the examination has been taken.

4. Two printed or word-processed copies of the thesis must be delivered to the M.Sc. examiners (Evidence-Based Social Intervention), c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG, no later than noon on 15 August or the weekday nearest to 15 August of the year in which the examination has been taken. Successful candidates may be required to deposit a copy of their thesis in the Social Science Library.

5. A candidate who fails the examination may enter for one subsequent examination only, provided this is within six terms of his or her initial registration. A candidate who has attained a satisfactory mark in any one of the four components of the examination in 2 above will not be required to retake the component(s) concerned.

6. Each candidate must attend an oral examination when required to do so by the examiners.

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

## **Schedule**

(i) *Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation* (core course): Candidates will be expected to have a knowledge of major theories underlying evidence-based social interventions [and/or](#) policy evaluation research. The course will use exemplary intervention and evaluation research studies to illustrate important theoretical, ethical, methodological, and practice issues.

### **Explanatory Notes**

Minor correction to bring regulations in line with current teaching