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

Social Sciences Board

Approved by Teaching Audit Committee on 6 June 2014

Title of programme
DPhil Politics / International Relations

Brief note about nature of change:
To change to deadline for submission of Transfer of Status, remove requirement for 1 transfer assessor to be member of the GSC, align timing of milestone of Transfer for all students.

Effective date
From 1 October 2014

Location of change
Online Examination Regulations

Detail of change
2. Applications for transfer from Probationer Research Student status to D.Phil. or M.Litt. status must be submitted in accordance with the requirements in the relevant Student Handbook. Applicants in their fourth and final term of Probationer Status must submit their completed application not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday of sixth week of that term. In addition to satisfying the above requirements (i) and (ii), the transfer of status application must include two copies of an outline of the proposed research topic and two copies of the written work-all as specified in the relevant Student Handbook. The relevant Graduate Studies Committee will appoint two assessors. Upon receiving the report of the assessors, the GSC will then decide whether to approve the transfer. In the case of applications to transfer to D.Phil. status where the committee does not so approve, it may authorise an extension of time in order to allow the candidate to resubmit at a later date (but before the end of
the sixth term after admission to Probationer Research Student status), or alternatively approve a transfer to M.Litt. status.

3. Candidates whose applications for transfer of status are not successful may, with the approval of the relevant Graduate Studies Committee, submit revised proposals within their first six terms of Probationer Research Student status.

4. Though not in itself sufficient qualification for students wishing to advance to M. Litt. or D.Phil. status, the successful completion of the M.Sc. in Politics Research or the M.Sc. in Political Theory Research may serve in place of 1. (i) and (ii) above, and material submitted as part of the requirements for the M.Sc. may also be used in the transfer application.

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