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

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### Social Sciences Board

Approved by Chairs Action 22/08/13

### Title of programme

MSc in Social Anthropology (Research Methods)

### Brief note about nature of change:

Various minor amendments for the purposes of clarification that were requested at the proofing stage for the 2013 edition of the Examination Regulations.

### Effective date

1 October 2013

### Location of change

*In Online Regulations*

### Detail of change

1. In online regulations ([http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_109](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_109)), under section “Social Anthropology (Research Methods)”, sub-section 1, after “namely the” delete “Graduate Studies” and insert “Teaching”.

2. In online regulations ([http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_109](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_109)), under section “Social Anthropology (Research Methods)”, sub-section I.(a), after “third term of the course” delete “reports of” and insert “, essays, reports and exercises on”.

3. In online regulations ([http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_109](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_109)), under section “Social Anthropology (Research Methods)”, sub-section II.(a), after “that arise in a specified research paper” insert “or book”.


4. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_109), under section “Social Anthropology (Research Methods)”, sub-section II.(a), after “not later than noon on Monday” delete “of the first week of” and insert “of the week immediately preceding”.

5. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_109), under section “Social Anthropology (Research Methods)”, sub-section III, after “written texts and representation” insert “; modes of exchange and economic activity”.

6. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_109), under section “Social Anthropology (Research Methods)”, sub-section V, after “The word count shall be stated on the outside front cover of the thesis.” insert “A 250-word abstract should be included.”.

7. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_109), under section “Social Anthropology (Research Methods)”, sub-section 5, after “name was entered on the Register of M.Sc. Students.” insert “A brief abstract should be included.”.

8. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_109), under section “Social Anthropology (Research Methods)”, sub-section 6, delete “The examiners shall retain one copy of the dissertation of each candidate who passes the examination for deposit in the departmental library.”.

9. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_109), under section “Social Anthropology (Research Methods)”, sub-section 9, delete “If it is the opinion of the examiners that the work done by a candidate is not of sufficient merit to qualify for the Degree of M.Sc. the candidate shall be given the option of re-sitting the M.Sc. examination.” and insert “In order to pass the degree, a student must pass all its assessed components. Where one or more components are failed, the student will be given the opportunity to re-sit or re-submit them once, as the case may be. Any subsequent award of the degree on successful completion of all the assessed components may be delayed by up to three terms, i.e. until the Examination Board next meets.”.

10. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_109), under section “Social Anthropology (Research Methods)”, sub-section 9, before “The four papers” insert “10. ”.

Explanatory Notes

Clause 1: Minor amendment to reflect the name of the committee with this responsibility as it currently stands.

Clause 2: Elaboration on the documentation that can be submitted.

Clause 3: Elaboration for the purposes of clarification on the types of documents that can be used.
| Clause 4: This change has been requested in order to provide the list of research papers to candidates sooner. |
| Clause 5: Minor amendment to the rubric of the Social and Cultural Anthropology: Theory and Methods paper for the purposes of clarification. |
| Clause 6: Addition of mandatory requirement for all students to submit a 250-word abstract of their thesis along with their dissertations, in order to bring this programme in line with the requirements of all other PGT programmes offered by the Institute. |
| Clause 7: Clarification that a brief abstract will be required upon submission of the proposed dissertation title. |
| Clause 8: Removal of section due to not being necessary for inclusion. |
| Clause 9: Replacement of text regarding the arrangements for resitting the examination in line with the wording used for other PGT programmes offered by the School. |
| Clause 10: Numbering of a section previously part of the former clause 9 as its own separate clause. |