

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

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Master of Science by Coursework in Russian and East European Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

1. Change to a core paper title;
2. Amendment to the resit arrangements of the extended essay;
3. Minor factual corrections to text

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2019*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2019-20/mosbciraeasteurostud/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2019

For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.4 as follows:

^{1.4} Candidates will also be required to submit one extended essay on ~~Twentieth Century Russian, Soviet and East European History~~ History of Russia, the USSR and Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century of 4,500 words, excluding bibliography. Two copies of the extended essay should be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by 12 Noon Monday in the fifth week of Hilary Term. An electronic copy should also be submitted ~~via WebLearn to the programme~~ by the same deadline. The essay must be accompanied by a statement that it is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

2. Amend citation 1.5 as follows:

^{1.5} Research Methods for Area Studies: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum take-home test in qualitative methods to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a ~~one-week~~ take-home test in quantitative analysis to be set

on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Hilary Term. Two printed copies of each of the items of written work described above must be submitted to the Examination Schools, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the MSc in Russian and East European Studies, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. An electronic copy should also be submitted to the programme by the same deadline. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating it is the candidate's own work.

Candidates will be required to submit a thesis of at least 12,000 words but not more than 15,000 words on a subject approved by the Management Committee for Russian and East European Studies, to be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by 12 Noon on Monday in the sixth week of Trinity Term. The thesis must be accompanied by a statement that it is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated. An electronic copy should also be submitted ~~via WebLearn~~ to the programme by the same deadline.

3. Amend citation 1.6 as follows:

^{1.6} Candidates who fail the research methods course overall will be permitted to re-submit a new submission for the failed piece(s) of work within four weeks of publication of the failed mark, on a date specified by the Chair of Examiners.

~~Candidates who fail one or more of the examination papers or extended essay will be permitted to retake it on one subsequent occasion the following year. Candidates who have initially failed any element of assessment shall not normally be eligible for the award of merit or distinction.~~

Candidates who fail the extended essay will be required to re-submit by 12 noon on Monday of week one of Trinity term of the same year. Candidates who fail one or more of the examination papers will be permitted to retake it on one subsequent occasion the following year.

In the case of a failed thesis, a candidate may submit again, on one subsequent occasion, usually in Trinity Term, provided that this is still within the six terms of his or her registration.

Explanatory Notes

1. Change to a core paper title: The paper title 'Twentieth Century Russian, Soviet and East European History' was changed to 'History of Russia, the USSR and Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century' and published in the *Gazette* in the edition 03/12/2015. A subsequent change to the regulations published in the edition 19/07/2018 reverted the title of this paper back to 'Twentieth Century Russian' by mistake wef students starting in MT2018. This notice corrects the core paper title for students starting from MT 2019. The course was advertised to incoming students as 'History of Russia, the USSR and Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century'.
2. Amendment to the re-sit arrangements of the extended essay to allow students to retake their extended essay in the same academic year.