

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of Quality Assurance Committee (04/09/2019)

Master of Science by Coursework in Social Data Science

Brief note about nature of change:

1. Amendment to the paper title of Research Methods

Location of change

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

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2019

For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.6 as follows:

'Part 3: Compulsory core paper in 'Research Methods Design for Social Data Science' assessed by written coursework. Details of and arrangements for submission of the written course work shall be notified to candidates via WebLearn by Friday of week 4 of Hilary Term.'

Explanatory Notes

The course entitled 'Research Methods' was conducted for one year previously in the Social Data Science degree. While the course does include discussions of methodology (ie the study of methods), it has settled more meaningfully to be a course about the design of specific studies in preparation for student theses. To that end, titling the course 'Research Design' more faithfully represents the content and objectives. This will help students appreciate and focus on the nature of the course as conducting a study themselves.