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

Social Sciences Board

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Title of programme
MPhil/MSc Comparative Social Policy

Brief note about nature of change:
Changes to introduce a word limit for material included in additional sections of the thesis/dissertation, to amend the requirement for all candidates to submit MSc/MPhil theses to the Social Science Library, and to clarify the requirements for the qualitative and quantitative assignments.

Effective date
MSc Comparative Social Policy
For students starting from MT 2014
For first examination from 2014-15
MPhil Comparative Social Policy
For students starting from MT 2014
For first examination from 2015-16

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2013

Detail of change
1. P.523, l.26, after “policy topic.” insert “This word count applies to the text, but does not include graphs, tables and charts in the main text, or bibliography. An additional word limit of 6,000 words in total applies to the abstract, footnotes, endnotes and
technical appendices (including graphs, tables and charts)."

2. P.523, l.26, delete "will" and insert "may".

3. P.523, l.41, after "each assignment." insert "Each of the two quantitative assignments will be of a maximum length of 2500 words. The qualitative assignment will be of a maximum length of 3000 words.".

4. P.701, l.43, delete "will" and insert "may".

5. P701, l.43 after "be taken." insert "This word count applies to the text, but does not include graphs, tables and charts in the main text, or bibliography. An additional word limit of 2,000 words in total applies to the abstract, footnotes, endnotes and technical appendices (including graphs, tables and charts).".

Explanatory Notes

Clause 1 & 5: These clauses specify word counts for ancillary material in theses.

Clause 2 & 4: These clauses make the deposit of theses in the Social Sciences Library at the discretion of the department.

Clause 3: This clause specifies word limits for the quantitative and qualitative assignments for Methods of Social Research.