Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette

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Social Sciences Board

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Title of Programme
Honour School of Economics and Management

**Brief note about nature of change:** Increase of the three core Economics papers from two-thirds weight to full weight. A series of other amendments: removal of viva requirement; removal of reference to charging for study packs; consistency of wording with other subjects regarding reference to availability of options; correction of errors with regard to papers available; withdrawal of two optional papers.

**Effective date**
With effect from 1 October 2011 (for first examination in 2013)

**Location of change**
In *Examination Regulations 2010*

**Detail of change**

1. p.206, l.11, delete ‘four’ and substitute ‘three’.
2. Ibid., delete l.24.
3. Ibid., ll.37-38, delete ‘Candidates may be charged for the provision of study packs for these compulsory subjects’.
4. Ibid., l.39, delete ‘Four’ and substitute ‘Three’.
5. Ibid., p.207, l.9, delete ‘offered’ and substitute ‘available’.
6. Ibid., p.208, delete ll.19-22 and substitute ‘Subjects (1) to (15) are as specified in the
Ibid., delete ll.31-40 and substitute:

‘(10) Econometrics
(11) Comparative Demographic Systems
(12) Economics of OECD Countries
(13) Economic Decisions Within the Firm
(14) Game Theory
(15) Mathematical Methods’.

Explanatory Notes

Clauses 1 and 4 are consequent on changing the weighting of core Economics papers from two-thirds weight to full weight. This reflects the effort required of students, and ensures that sufficient time is given to them to provide appropriate breadth and depth across the discipline. There is a commensurate reduction in the number of optional papers to be taken from fours to three.

Clause 2 removes the option for a viva. This is considered unnecessary (no viva has ever been held) and brings the course into line with practice in PPE.

Clause 3 removes reference to charging for study packs as such a charge is no longer made.

Clause 5 is for clarification

Clause 6 renumbers according to the changes in clause 7, and removes repetition from earlier in the regulations concerning the availability of options.

Clause 7 removes two (currently suspended) Economics options from the schedule: Statistical Methods in Economics, and Classical Economic Thought. The content of the former is now covered within the Quantitative Economics core course; and the latter is too restrictive in scope. Consideration is currently being given to developing a new more broader-based course. Some errors are also corrected: the bracketed numbers after two subjects have been removed as these refer to PPE and are irrelevant. Finance should not appear in the list of Economics subjects (schedule B) as for E&M it is a Management subject only (schedule A).