Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette

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Social Sciences Board

Approved at the meeting of 25 February 2011

Title of Programme
MPhil in Geography and the Environment

Brief note about nature of change: Extension of entry to the MPhil programme to students undertaking the MSc in Environmental Change and Management and to the MSc in Water Science Policy and Management.

Effective date
With effect from 1 October 2011

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2010

Detail of change
p.523, delete ll.27-31 and substitute:

‘(a) follow a course of instruction for three terms under the aegis of the School of Geography and the Environment in one of the four M.Sc. programmes, either Nature, Society and Environmental Policy, or Biodiversity, Conservation and Management, or Environmental Change and Management, or Water Science Policy and Management. They will be assessed in all aspects of the M.Sc. programme, with the exception of the dissertation.’.

Explanatory Notes
This change extends the opportunity for students on the School's four M.Sc. programmes to continue to the MPhil in Geography and the Environment. Currently this is only possible for two MSc programmes. The change responds to student demand to develop their ideas
and arguments through the longer MPhil thesis; it widens access to the MPhil as an alternative pathway to the DPhil; it strengthens the MPhil programme by drawing in students from a wider range of MSc backgrounds; there is academic compatibility across all four MSc programmes with the MPhil, with all MSc programmes sharing elective courses and some core courses.